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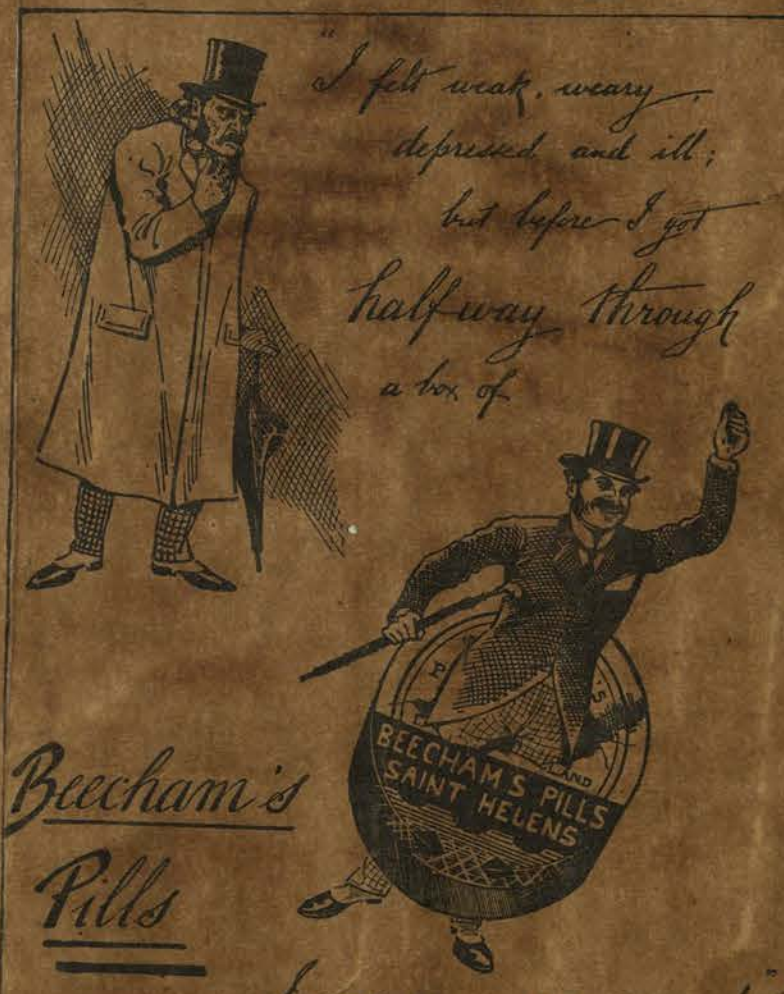
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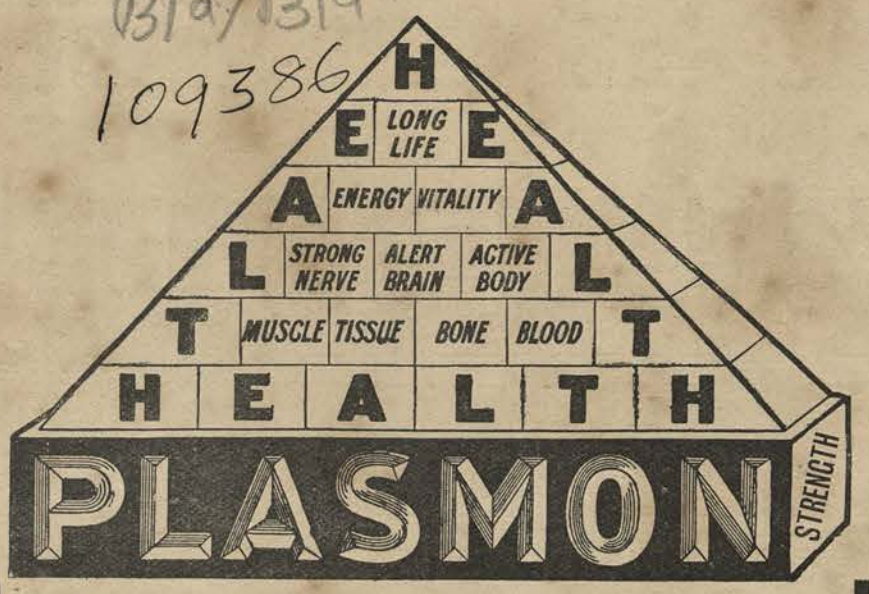

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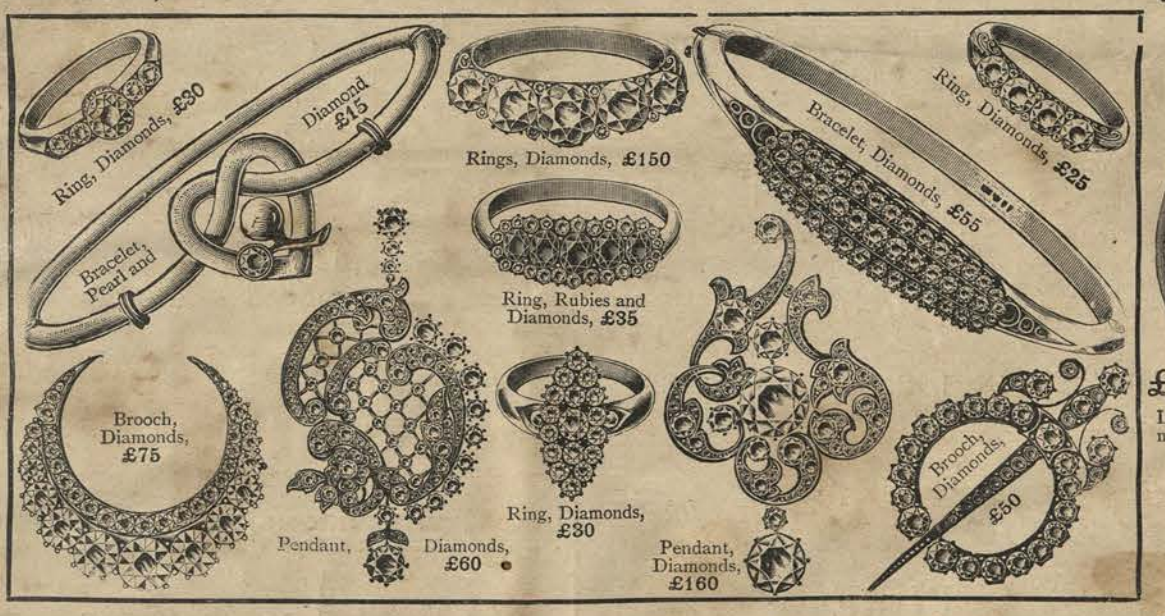

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CORONATION DAY

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BY BARRY PAIN

I WAS took to see the procession on Coronation Day, and I will tell you what I know about it. There was me, and pa, and ma, and Agatha, and Mr. Edwards. Agatha is my sister, but she is six years older than me. She is going to marry Mr. Edwards perhaps, but pa says he is no great catch. Ma says she could make a better young man out of a piece of string: Agatha says sometimes she likes him, and sometimes she is off it. He takes a lot of trouble to make us all like him. That is no good. If people are going to like you they are, and if not it does not matter what you do. Mr. Edwards got a cab to take us, and pa said a fool and his money are soon parted. As there were five of us inside the cab, Mr. Edwards said Agatha could sit on his knee, and Agatha said more like he could sit outside on the box. We squeezed in somehow, and off we started to enjoy ourselves. Everybody was rather cross through having got up too early and hurried over dressing and breakfast. Agatha said she hoped to goodness the King wouldn't see her, the sight she was. I do not know whether the King saw her, or what he thought about it; she did not really look much worse than usual, and her hat was [illegible]. Mr. Edwards said she was the fairest of God's creatures, but nobody took any notice.

We had to walk the last part of the way, and pa said this was the last time he would trust anything to Mr. Edwards. But it was not his fault really, because the policeman would not let the cab go on. We had taken dinner with us, and Mr. Edwards carried the basket. When we got into the Park, a man said we could get a chair against the rails for three shillings, but pa took two chairs for himself and ma for nothing. They told me I could go and play, and come back; and ma said if I got lost she would skin me alive.

Mr. Edwards took Agatha for a stroll, and he bought her ginger-beer at a place. I think he has a good deal of money, but he does not look much. I climbed about on other people's chairs, and saw a good many things. There were soldiers and policemen, and in one place there were girls in red cloaks. There were decorations. The best thing was a lady that fainted. Up came two men and carried her away to a tent. I went too and stood by the tent a long time, but there were no more faints just then. You cannot always be in luck, as pa says.

I saw the procession very nicely. I was right at the back, but I got a man to lift me up. The Indians are better dressed than the English, I think. I saw the Queen; she was dressed in white with black spots, and rode in a gold carriage. I do not suppose it was real gold. She bowed and smiled to me, and I bowed back again. She looked very pretty, and I think we should get on together all right. There were a lot of other things that I cannot remember.

After that I got a drink of water from a fountain and saw another fainted woman, but this one got better almost directly; so it was not much to see. Then Mr. Edwards and Agatha found me and took me back to pa and ma, and we had dinner on the grass out of the basket. Pa quarrelled with ma because the salt had got loose in the basket, and ma quarrelled with Agatha for being away so long, and Agatha quarrelled with Mr. Edwards because he had pointed out three different people as Lord Roberts. She said that if he did not know anything he had better stop at home another time. They all quarrelled with me for different reasons. Even Mr. Edwards said I had better keep a still tongue in my head. But I think he only said that to me because he dared not say it to anybody else. And after dinner he seemed sorry and said he would give me some ginger-beer, but Agatha would not come there, and so he gave me the money instead. I stuck to the money. I think it was pa really that Mr. Edwards wanted to be rude to, but, of course, he could not.

Then they told me that I could go and play again, which was silly, because there was nothing to play at, except what you made up for yourself. I tried asking every man I met what the time was, and some of them did not tell the truth. Then an old gentleman that I asked got angry with me because he had seen me ask somebody else a moment before. He said that he would tell the police about it, which I did not believe. But I did not play that game any more. I went to sleep instead.

When I woke up there was a gun going off, and a lot of cheering. That meant the King was crowned. Then there was another procession, but it was very little different from the first.

I was tired and wanted to go home. So I cried, but not much. We had to wait a long time, and that put ma out of temper. She said that the state of everything was scandalous. Pa said she did nothing but grumble. Mr. Edwards said it was strange treatment he had to put up with, and Agatha said if he did not like it he could leave it, and she was not going with him to see the illuminations. We were all worn out when we got home, and pa said another day like that would make him take to drink.

It was a very enjoyable holiday.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

With this week's "Black and White" our readers should see that they get the following double-page Supplements:

1.—THE KING'S HORSES LEAVING BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

2.—THE CROWNING OF EDWARD VII.

3.—THE CROWNING OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

4.—THE GREAT SOLEMNITY OF THE CORONATION.

THE CROWNING OF THE KING: BY THE DUKE OF ARGYLL

"Westminster Abbey," the great church which arose, as we see it now, in the days when the lofty pointed arches of "Gothic" architecture were replacing the earlier Norman semi-circular arches and heavy columns of the time of the Conqueror, contains more English history shrined in stone than does any other building, except the Tower of London. In the "dim religious light," coloured by the fires of painted glass, but unaided by any artificial tints on the old grey stones, which have long shed their ancient painted coating of varied hues, most of the sacred ceremonies sanctifying England's achievements have been held. St. Paul's, as we now see it, is modern. The Abbey alone stands as it stood when England was in the making. Upon those very stones rested the eyes of the fathers of those who now rule the British, North American, and the Australasian empires. Before the altar, which stood in that very chancel, and up the "long drawn" nave, under the same groined roof so far aloft, came the processions, century after century, to crown a monarch as in the pageant of Saturday; or to give thanks for victories which are far more than names only of the past, for they have given to us to-day the texture of our laws, and the traditions of our freedom.

"Those Who Have Made History"

From Westminster Hall, near this church, have gone forth the principles of civil conduct that have formed the statesmen and heroes, who have often themselves been laid to rest under the pavement now trodden by the feet of those who have made the history of to-day. Statues, tablets, monuments, to poets, soldiers, sailors, orators, mark the base of the walls of the aisles, perhaps in too great profusion, but memory likes to be aided by such memorials. Among the dead commemorated it is well that those who best shaped English thought to English words should have place. Of the earliest of our poets, Chaucer is here, Spenser is here, so are Beaumont and Ben Jonson, Cowley, Dryden, also Prior and Gay, and Macpherson the gatherer of the Gaelic ballads he wove into his *Ossian*. Gower is buried in Southwark, but many famous names are here of those who made their writings banners in the front of the battles of their time.

The Place of the Crowning

They shaped the hopes and resolutions of their countrymen, and they, too, valued

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOLBOYS ON THEIR WAY TO THE ABBEY.

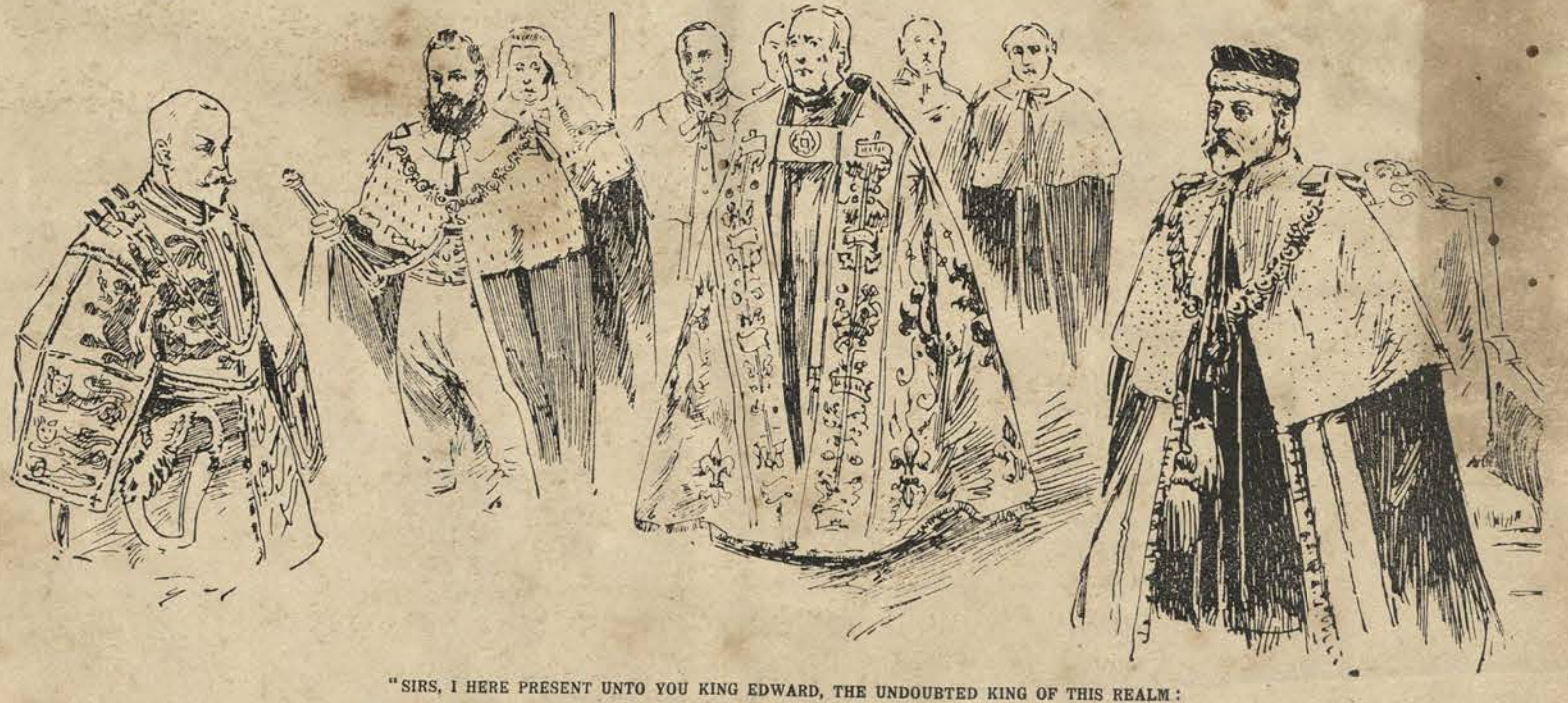
the ancient poetry that told how this shrine of Westminster had been chosen as the place of prayer "without the walls" of the old city. A fishing village westward of London, or the "Dun of the Lynn," otherwise the "fortress of the pool," was a favourite place for its citizens for summer excursions. A small church had been built. Around it the thickets of thorn were white with blossom along acres of ground where the fishers' wattled huts arose. The river girdled a "thorny island," and on the southern bank, tradition said, St. Peter had appeared one fair evening and asked for a skiff to row him across, and when, unsuspicious of the honour done him, a fisherman had ferried him over, the air rang with heavenly music, and the little church glowed suddenly with wondrous fire. The people marvelled, and the stranger told them that they would find that fish would be plenteous if they gave the monks their due proportion of the catch; and long afterwards the poor boatmen would love to go and place fine salmon on the altar which had been consecrated by the blessing of the martyred Apostle of Christianity.

The Offerings of an Empire

The gift of the silver salmon for the poor fisherman has given place to the golden offerings of the Kings of an Empire of a vastness hitherto unknown in all the world's history, an Empire that has not been brought in under one standard, but which has grown up under one flag. Little could the Saxon kings, Offa and Edgar, or Alfred, who are named among the benefactors of the Abbey, or Edward the Confessor, have dreamed of such a destiny for this place of their piety. When the Confessor in bold square letters, plainly writ on strong vellum, gave his charters, and the money (originally intended for a pilgrimage to Rome) for the benefit of the church of St. Peter in England, it was said these gifts were made not only by desire of the Pope, but also in consequence of a dream, in which St. Wulsine appeared to Edward. The King was told to build a stately church and to endow it, for "it shall be no less than the house of God and the gate of Heaven."

The Builder of the Abbey

And the endowment was not merely in land and money, but comprised also "part of the manger where Christ was born, and of the frankincense offered by the Magi, part of the Table of our Lord, of the bread which He blessed, of the seat where He was presented in the Temple, of the soil of the



"SIRS, I HERE PRESENT UNTO YOU KING EDWARD, THE UNDOUBTED KING OF THIS REALM:
Wherefore all you who are come this day to do your homage, are you willing to do the same?"

[Drawn by Charles M. Sheldon

FATHER AND SON: THE KING EMBRACING THE PRINCE OF WALES AT THE CORONATION

There was a touching scene when the Prince of Wales, after kneeling before the King to do homage, rose to kiss the King's cheek. Putting out his arm, his Majesty embraced his son and kissed him with evident emotion

[Drawn by Cyrus C. Cuneo

THE CROWNED QUEEN: HER MAJESTY LEAVING THE ABBEY AFTER THE CORONATION CEREMONY

wilderness where He fasted, of the stone of the prison, also a portion of His undivided garment; of the sponge, lance and scourge with which He was tortured; a stone chip of the sepulchre and of the cloth that bound His head," and many more relics associated with His mother and His disciples. The Pix office and buildings of the eastern cloister and south transept remain of the Confessor's building. The form of a cross gave the design, and in the centre was a high tower. And with the completion of the old church ended the life of the pious King. It was to the builder of the chief part of Windsor Castle — to Henry III. — that we owe the Abbey as we now see it. The Lady Chapel he raised was changed into the beautiful structure we know as that of Henry VII. It was he, too, who demolished the tower, the east end and the transept, that they might be rebuilt fairer, grander and more solemn. The wonderful proportions giving so great a sense of dignity and space to an Abbey, not excessive in mere magnitude, were given by his architects. There is perhaps no finer example of the style: St. Lawrence at Nuremberg, St. Stephen at Vienna, Rouen and Rheims, and bigger edifices, though most beautiful, certainly do not excel Westminster.

[Russell, Baker Street

THE CROWNED KING AND QUEEN PASSING THROUGH THE CANADIAN ARCH IN WHITEHALL

From Paul's to Peter's

Again, the treasure of the place was greatly enriched, and again, a relic held most holy was brought in splendid procession in 1247 from Paul's to Peter's. "Rob Paul to pay Peter" became a proverb. The coveted object was said to be no less than drops of the Saviour's blood sent enshrined in crystal from Jerusalem by the Masters of the Temple and the Hospitallers. The King himself bore it under a canopy, his arms being supported by relays of nobles as he marched. It was proclaimed that 6 years and 116 days' freedom from Purgatory were granted by the bishops to all who came to do honour to this treasure. William de Vallance, one of whose relatives in after years held for the English the garrison of Bothwell Castle on the Clyde, near Glasgow, and who had the mortification of seeing the stronghold turned into a prison for the English soldiers surrendered to Bruce after Bannockburn, was one of the nobles knighted at a great festival held to celebrate the event. Westminster was for some time allowed to have a monopoly of holding a fair, in order that London's commerce might flow through its streets. The pavement of mosaic, which is on the floor before the altar in the choir, was laid in those days. He probably built the splendid Chapter House. He brought from Wales a part of Christ's Cross which the Welsh had obtained. So £40,000, equal now probably to more than half a million, was spent.

Stolen Treasures

Then came troubles, robbery and murder. For the monks stole some of the treasure, and in Richard II.'s time a squire escaping from his enemies was slain, despite the sanctuary the church was supposed to give, in the choir, together with a monk who tried to save him. During the reigns of Henry IV. and V. the Abbey grew even more complete, and finally Wren added the two towers at the west end, the projected centre tower being left uncompleted to this day. In the Sanctuary, Elizabeth Woodville, Edward IV.'s Queen, in great penury and forsaken by her friends, gave birth to the boy who was afterwards Edward V. Here she heard of her husband's victory, here she was persecuted by Gloucester. Caxton, the first great English printer, had his press at the Abbey in the Almonry. He spelt the name "Westmynstre."

Thrones and Tombs

And now since we must think of memories of departed monarchs when we crown our own, and it is good when contemplating an historic scene to know why it is that this House of God is so illustrious in the minds of men, let us note how our kings in the past have loved to be buried here. The "Confessor" was laid before the High Altar, and afterwards in a gorgeous shrine in one of the chapels. Then the third Henry, he whose work at Windsor was finished by the third Edward, and who had so long a reign, the King who employed Chaucer, not as a poet but as an architect, was buried in the choir; and his nobles, before the body was lowered into its grave, placed their hands on it and swore fealty to Edward I., then fighting in the Crusades. He in turn was brought lifeless to Westminster, and in 1744 his corpse was ascertained to be in the place where it had been interred, and found to be enclosed in a mantle of linen cloth, well waxed, with a face cloth of crimson sarcenet; and within this covering he lay with sceptres in each hand, with a crown on his head, clothed in a tunic of red silk damask, and over it a beautifully-decorated stole of white and a rich crimson mantle, gemmed with jewels of glass.

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THE TREASURES OF THE ABBEY
BY THE DUKE OF ARGYLL

[Drawn by J. Finnemo e, R.I.

THE KING'S OATH: "THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HERE BEFORE PROMISED, I WILL PERFORM, AND KEEP"

Archb.: Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the People of this United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereto belonging, according to the Statutes in Parliament agreed on, and the respective Laws and Customs of the same?

King: I solemnly promise so to do.

Archb.: Will you to your power cause Law and Justice, in Mercy, to be executed in all your Judgments?

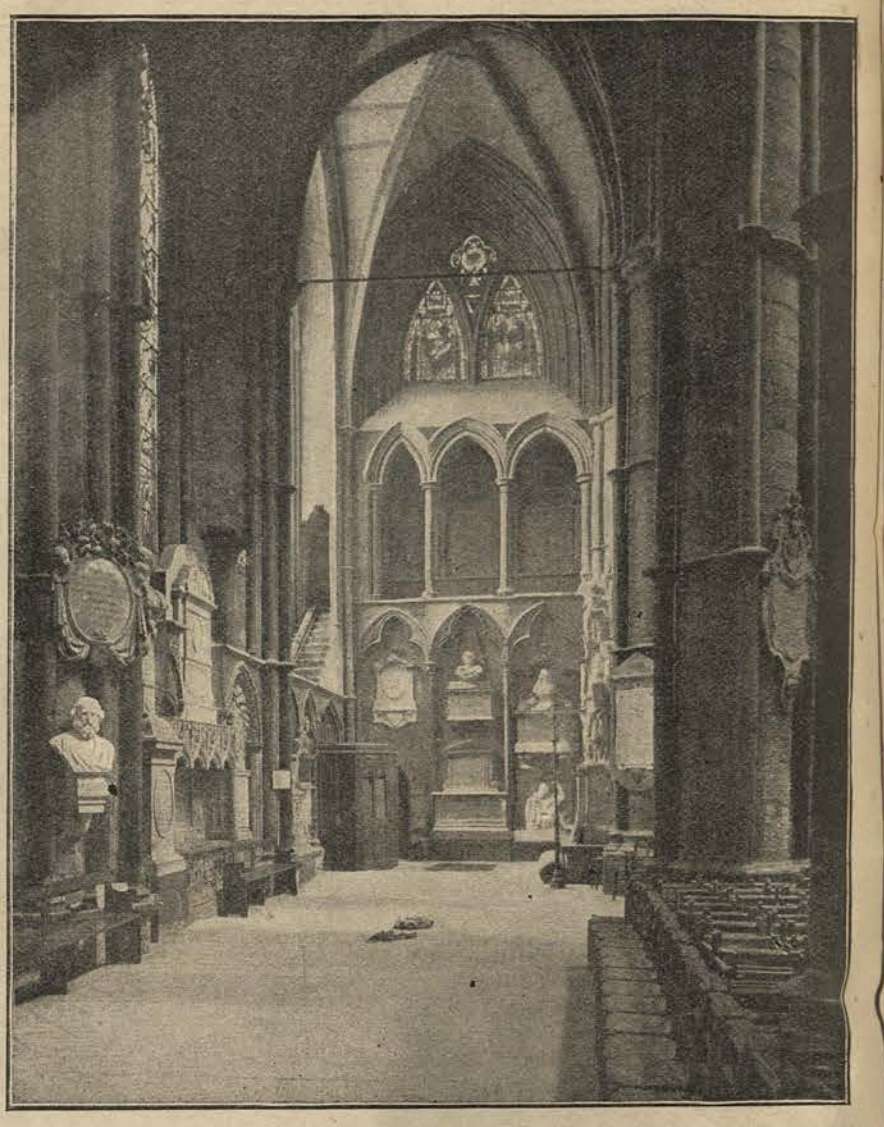
King: I will.

Archb.: Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God, the true Profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant Reformed Religion e-tablished by Law? And will you maintain and preserve inviolably the Settlement of the Church of England, and the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government thereof, as by Law es ablished in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Church therein committed to their charge, all such Rights and Privileges, as by Law do or shall appertain to them, or any of them?

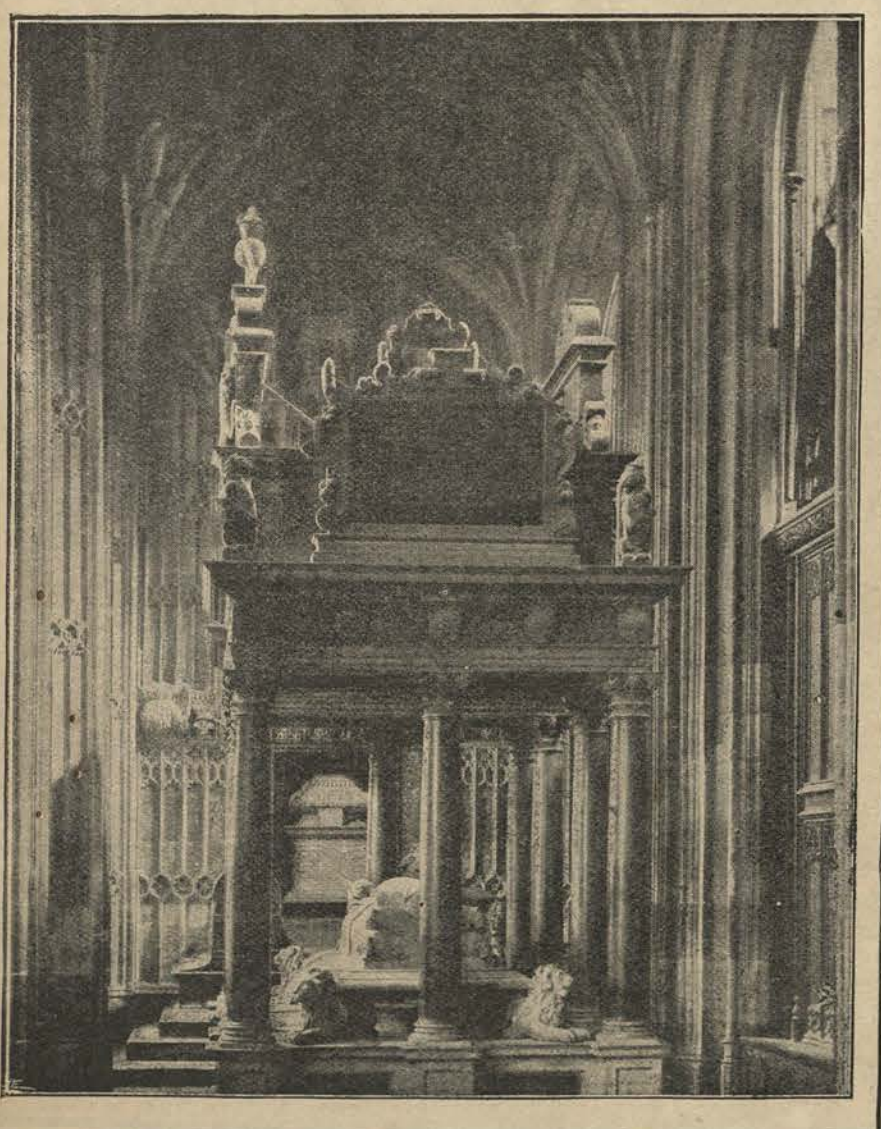
King: All this I promise to do.

"Then the King arising out of his Chair shall go to the Altar, and there being uncovered, make his Solemn Oath in the sight of all the People: Laying his right hand upon the Holy Gospel in the Great Bible, which is now brought from the Altar by the Archbishop, and tendered to him as he kneels upon the steps, saying these words: 'The things which I have here before promised, I will perform, and keep. So help me God,' Then the King kisseth the Book, and signeth the Oath"

THE NAVE, LOOKING EAST: SHOWING THE SCREEN



POETS' CORNER: BUST OF LONGFELLOW ON THE LEFT



HENRY VII. CHAPEL: NORTH AISLE

QUEEN ELEANOR'S TOMB: AMBULATORY SIDE

[Photos by W. Slader

THE SCENE OF A THOUSAND YEARS OF CORONATIONS: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, WHICH WAS TRANSFORMED FOR SATURDAY'S GREAT FUNCTION

[Photo by A. N. Thomas

THE TWO ARCHBISHOPS: DR. TEMPLE AND DR. MACLAGAN, WHO CROWNED THE KING AND QUEEN

[Drawn by J. Finnemore, R.I.

THE HOMAGE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES

"Then the Prince of Wales, taking off his Coronet, kneels down before his Majesty's knees, the rest of the Princes of the Blood Royal kneeling in their places, taking off their Coronets, and pronouncing the words of Homage after him, the Prince of Wales saying: 'I, George, Prince of Wales, do become your Liege man of Life and Limb, and of earthly worship, and Faith and Truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of Folks. So help me God.' Then the Princes of the Blood Royal arising severally touch the Crown on his Majesty's Head and kiss his Majesty's left Cheek. After which the other Peers of the Realm, who are then in their seats, kneel down, put off their Coronets, and do their Homage"

THE ARMY AT THE ABBEY: TWO BRILLIANT SOLDIERS AT THE CORONATION CEREMONY

Lord Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief, was near the King throughout the Coronation ceremony, rode near his Majesty's carriage in the Procession, and carried the Second Sword of State in Westminster Abbey. The brilliant services which he has rendered the Empire entitle Lord Roberts to his [illegible] honours upon this memorable day in the nation's history

Lord Wolseley, the ex-Commander-in-Chief, shared with his successor the honour of close attendance upon the King, carrying the Third Sword of State. He and Lord Roberts have fought on the same battlefields together, and fitly attended in company to add to the dignity of the King's train of the Empire's most notable sons

The Graves of the Great

There is the tomb of Henry V. (the hero of Agincourt), Edward III. and of Richard II. (murdered, as many believed), then Henry VII., from whom many of the British nobles are descended. His Queen's body was so long exposed that Pepys records he took it in his arms and kissed the face of the dead Queen! Then Edward VI. (young and wise), Queen Mary (of cruel memory), and the great Queen "Bess;" the monument of Mary Queen of Scots, and the tomb of her son (who united the crowns of England and Scotland); then Charles II. (Charles I. is buried in the same tomb with Henry VIII at Windsor); then William III. (the crowned embodiment of the English Restoration); of his Queen (who reconciled the Tory legitimists in some measure to the change, for she was Stuart and joint Sovereign in title); of Anne (the last direct descendant of that gallant but unfortunate race); and finally George II. and his wife, Caroline of Anspach.

"The Peace of Britain"

What a list of names, embodying how much of glory, of passion, of strife, of causes lost and won, of the tides and storms, of the darkness and sunshine that passed to mould our country to its wondrous being of to-day! And now the heir to all this marvel of God's grace, this Empire made by so many potent hands, has come to claim the Crown they made illustrious, and to bear the sceptre, the symbol of the law, which is honoured wherever the English tongue is spoken, and obeyed by myriads where that tongue is known to them as the pledge of ordered sway, of just government, of the peace that is called the Peace of Britain. Before the western front of the grand building a hall has been built to last only for the purpose of the ceremony, yet well combining the features of the architecture of the Abbey. Such additions were made when great external stairways were placed on the garden front of the now vanished Tuileries at Paris, when the last of the Napoleons gave his festivals in the halls soon to be burned in the fury of the Commune.

"The Queen!"

Here the temporary addition is made by the people for the people's King, bred in their land, bone of their bone, the most British among the Britons; and by his side is Queen Alexandra, descended from those who colonised much of our Eastern shore and were looked on with terror by the Saxons. Now she is here, the most beloved and the most lovely of the women of Britain. They drive to the portal in the great gilded carriage, drawn by the cream-coloured horses, the sole surviving relics in our State pageants of the memories of our connection with Hanover. Led by scarlet-clad grooms and caparisoned in scarlet harnessing, preceded by long lines of troopers in plumed helmets and body armour flashing in the sun, the team of horses draws the big coach up to the Abbey, while a roar of welcome tells the expectant crowds in the Church that the Monarch has come. The beautiful building erected outside the Abbey is their destination. Battlements and turrets and windows of this structure look as old as any of the old walls around, so deft has been the work of the artists and workmen engaged on this great ante-chamber. Voices are heard to say that it is a pity that it is not to remain as a lasting monument of this Coronation. Its roof, crossed with beams of timber, is supported by wooden columns of Plantagenet design. Tapestries are hung on its walls, and brackets of timber bear up figures in armour obtained from the Tower.

THE HEAD OF THE KING'S PROCESSION: LIEUT.-COLONEL COWANS
Of the Headquarters Staff, who headed the King's procession to the Abbey on Saturday
(Drawn by W. Dewar)

THE PLACE OF THE CROWNING
BY THE DUKE OF ARGYLL

The Great Procession

Mullioned windows give its interior ample light, and look down from their height on the procession now arranged to proceed into the Church. First the clergy, robed in white and purple and red; then the King's Household, followed by the Union Standard and the highest Officers in Church and State, the first of them who attend wearing ermine over their shoulders, and long robes with train of crimson velvet; and with her ladies following her, the Queen, her cloth of gold train of great length held by pages, the Nobles carrying her Regalia. The King's procession follows. Two Bishops accompany him, the Noblemen bearing the four Swords of State, and among others in rear the Head of the Civic Government of this wonderful London, Lord Mayor Dimsdale, who, in virtue of his office, takes part in all the great State pageants, from the first meeting of the Monarch's Privy Council on the day of his accession to Sovereignty to the day of his crowning.

The Seat of Empire

Thus ordered and arranged according to ancient precedent, as aforetime, through all the long-drawn history of this realm, the march through the dark Gothic gateway is conducted; the Queen's procession, when it has passed to the centre space between the transepts, passing to the left, and the King's to the right of a daïs or low-raised platform of blue velvet which occupies the largest free space in the Church, and is furnished with two great gilded chairs. It is on this platform, or "theatre"—or place of view—as in quaint language it is called, that the chief ceremonies are performed after the crowning. Until then the Sovereigns seat themselves on chairs in the choir, where is placed also the ancient Throne, carved by order of Edward I., containing the heavy stone brought from Scone in Scotland, because it had always been held by legend in the North that where that stone lay there also would be the seat of Empire. Its high back raised to a decorated point above the King's head, conceals his figure to many in the nave.

The Scene in the Abbey

The chair to which he first proceeds is not the Throne, but one placed on the right of the choir, and called the Re-

[Drawn by E. J. Sullivan

AT THE CROWNING OF THE QUEEN: THE SCENE IN THE PEERESSES' GALLERY

"The Queen being crowned, all the Peeresses put on their coronets"

...s with the Sceptre with the Cross
...tille of Culross, Queen's Lord Chamberlain
...Lord Gosford with the Ivory Rod with the Dove

Duke of Roxburghe with the Queen's Crown

The Bishop of Norwich

Her Majesty the Queen

THE QUEEN'S REGALIA:

...s with the Second Sword
...Grafton with the Curtana
...Wolseley with the Third Sword

Mr. W. H. Weldon, Norroy King of Arms

Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P., Lord Mayor

Earl of Erroll, High Constable of Scotland

Lord Londonderry with the Sword of State

The Lord Great Chamberlain of England

Duke of Abercorn, High Constable of Ireland

Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, with Baton

THE CORONATION PROCESSION IN THE ABBEY:

The Duchess of Buccleuch, Mistress of the Robes

The Queen's Train-bearers

Ladies-in-Waiting

Women of the Bedchamber

Maids of Honour

HER MAJESTY'S PROCESSION TO THE CHOIR

Duke of Somerset with the Orb

Bishop of Winchester with the Chalice

Bishop of Ely with the Patina

His Majesty the King

Duke of Marlborough with St. Edward's Crown

Bishop of London with the Bible

Bishop of Durham

Earl of Lucan with the Sceptre with the Dove

THE KING AND QUEEN, WITH THEIR SUITES, PASSING THROUGH THE NAVE

THE KING IN HIS CAP OF STATE

cognition Chair, from the ceremony that follows after he has taken his seat. The Queen seats herself, attended by her Court, on a chair similarly placed on the opposite side. The anthem then rings out, and now, as the assembly stands, one can see well the general effect of the colour which has flowed into every nook and gallery of the high narrow nave, the broader transepts, and even to the spaces between the pointed arches around the chancel and choir. The screen behind the altar gives a broad bright mass of light, many-hued with gilding and mosaic. The figures of the clergy in their vestments are too isolated to give much colour, but the groups around the King and Queen's chairs are vivid enough, and the central figures are marked by purple and gold. Then the immense tiers that slope up as though they would climb the rose windows above the south and north doors are massed chiefly in white, for the peers' ermine and the ladies' dresses are white, and it is only here and there that the scarlet shows. In tenderer tones, the yellow and blue hangings fall in gathered sequence along the fronts of the galleries, hiding the wood, of which a perfect forest has been used. The lowest tiers show the flaming velvets of the peeresses, whose trains are all of that hue, save those of the princesses, who wear mantles of purple.

"Undoubted King of this Realm"

Away down the chancel and along the nave white is again the prevalent note of colour, contrasting strongly with the browns and greys of the stone wall around and above in shaft and roof. And when the crowds are seated, the dull lines seem duller, for the narrowness of the bands of brightness which have shrunk in size, and the flash of jewels is less seen when there is less movement. Everyone listens in perfect silence as the Archbishop, in white, gold and purple, attended by the Lord Chancellor, in black and gold, the Great Chamberlain, in crimson and ermine, and two others, with a gorgeous Herald, step down from the choir, and going to the back of the Coronation chair, and facing the nave, says, while the King remains in his chair in the choir, standing: "Sirs, I here present unto you King Edward, the undoubted King of this Realm; wherefore all you who are come this day to do your homage, are you willing to do the same?" Then the congregation's turn comes, and a vast shout goes up from all parts of the crowded Abbey, "God Save King Edward!" and the trumpets sound. The King and Queen move to other chairs nearer the altar, at which the nobles who have hitherto borne the Regalia have already given them up to the prelates awaiting them there.

DEAN BRADLEY AT THE CORONATION

"The King delivers the Orb to the Dean of Westminster, to be by him laid on the altar"

"All this I Promise to Do"

Then follows the taking of the oath administered by the Archbishop. "Will you solemnly promise to swear to govern the people of this United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions thereto belonging, according to the statutes in Parliament agreed on, and the respective laws and customs of the same?" The King: "I solemnly promise so to do." The Archbishop: "Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the laws of God, the true profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? And will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England? And will you preserve unto the bishops and clergy of England, and to the Church therein committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do or shall appertain to them, or any of them?" The King: "All this I promise to do." A canopy of cloth of gold is held over the Coronation chair when the King is seated there, Lords Spencer, Rosebery, Cadogan and Derby forming the quartette. After a hymn the anointing takes place on head, chest, and hands, a few drops of oil being poured from a golden spoon. The garments mysteriously named the Colobium Sindonis, Supertunica, and girdle are put on, the heels are touched by the spurs of gold.

"Do Justice, Stop Iniquity!"

With the Sword of State a remarkable ceremony was performed, for one noble gave it to the Lord Chamberlain, who gave in return another sword which he delivered to the Archbishop, who laid it on the altar, then delivered it to the King, who offered it at the altar, and then the noble who first carried the sword presented one hundred shillings to the clergy, who, receiving the gift in a golden dish, surrendered it to the noble, who drew the blade from the scabbard, and thereafter through all the succeeding service carried this Sword of State bare, close to the King. "With this sword," says the Archbishop, standing before the King, and reading from a great scroll held up for the special purpose by the attendant Bishops, who have drawn near, "do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the Holy Church of God, help and defend widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order: that doing these things you may be glorious in all virtue; and so faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ in this life, that you may reign for ever with Him in the life which is to come."

DELIVERING THE KING'S REGALIA TO THE DEAN OF WESTMINSTER

"The noblemen who carry the Regalia come near to the altar, and present, everyone what he carries, to the Archbishop

HE OATH OF KING EDWARD
BY THE DUKE OF ARGYLL

[Drawn by J. Finnemore, R.I.

THE CORONATION IN BRIEF: INCIDENTS IN THE CROWNING OF THE KING

The Anointing

(1) "The Dean of Westminster, taking the Ampulla and Spoon from off the Altar, holdeth them ready, pouring some of the holy oil into the Spoon, and with it the Archbishop anointeth the King in the form of a cross." (2) "The Dean of Westminster puts upon his Majesty the Close Pall of Cloth of Gold, together with a girdle of the same"

The Presenting of the Spurs and Sword

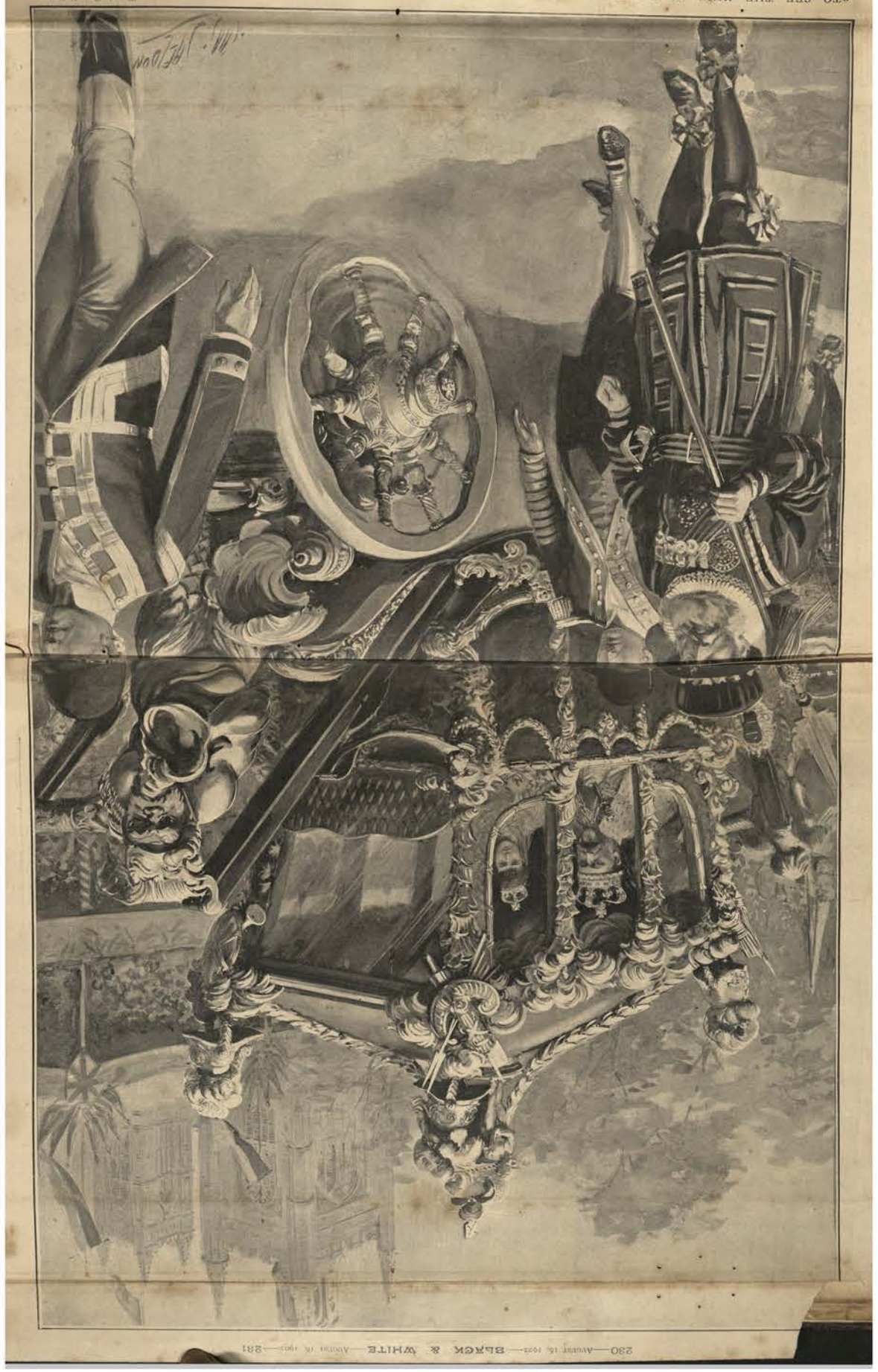
(3) "The Spurs are delivered to the Lord Great Chamberlain, who, kneeling down, toucheth his Majesty's heels therewith." (4) "Then the Archbishop takes the Sword, and, other Bishops assisting him, delivers it into the King's right hand." (5) "The King standing up, the Sword is girt about him by the Lord Great Chamberlain." (6) "The King, rising up, ungirds his Sword, and going to the Altar, offers it there in the scabbard"

The Imperial Mantle and the Orb

(7) "Then the King arising, the Armilla and Imperial Mantle or Pall of Cloth of Gold are by the Master of the Robes delivered to the Dean of Westminster, and by him put upon the King, standing; the Lord Great Chamberlain fastening the clasps." (8) "The King sits down, and then the Orb with the Cross is brought from the Altar by the Dean of Westminster, and delivered into the King's hand by the Archbishop"

The Delivery of the Sceptre

(9) "Then the Dean of Westminster brings the Sceptre with the Cross and the Sceptre with the Dove to the Archbishop. The Glove, presented by the Lord of the Manor of Worksop, being put on, the Archbishop delivers the Sceptre with the Cross into the King's right hand, and then he delivers the Sceptre with the Dove into the King's left hand"



"TO SEE THE KING IN HIS GOLDEN CROWN": THE RETURN FROM THE ABBEY AFTER THE CEREMONY

The King and Queen, on their return from the Abbey after the Coronation ceremony, rode to Buckingham Palace in the State Coach wearing their crowns for the first time, and the assembled crowds witnessed the spectacle, unique in our generation, of a monarch riding crowned through the streets of the Capital.

[Photo by Charles M. Sheldon

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The Ensign of Kingly Power

Then, as he stands, the "Armilla," a kind of scarf, the Imperial Mantle or pall of cloth of gold, are put on the King, and he sits to receive the orb and sceptre. "Receive this Imperial Robe and Orb; and the Lord your God endue you with knowledge and wisdom, with majesty and power from on high. The Lord clothe you with the robe of righteousness and with the garments of salvation; and when you see this orb set under the cross, remember that the whole world is subject to the power and empire of Christ, our Redeemer." And so with the Ring, "the emblem of kingly dignity and of defence of the Catholic Faith," and the sceptre with the cross, "the Royal Sceptre, the ensign of kingly power and justice, the sceptre with the dove, the rod of Equity and Mercy, and God assist you in the administration and exercise of all these powers hereby given unto you. Be so merciful that you be not too remiss; so execute justice that you forget not mercy. Punish the wicked, protect and cherish the just, and lead your people in the way wherein they should go."

"Crowned with Success and Honour"

The Coronation, be it observed, is made by the representatives of the Church. This was not always so in the Northern kingdom, for the Scotch crown was put on William III.'s head at Whitehall by a layman, and on the head of Charles I. by a layman in Scotland. The Archbishop of Canterbury crowns the King as he sits in the old throne immediately before the altar. The choristers sing "Be strong, and play the man: keep the commandments of the Lord, and walk in His ways." This is the most striking moment of the morning; as the prelate lifts the mass of gold and jewels to the King's head, assisted by the other Bishops (all bareheaded, for they do not wear their mitres), the people shout, loud and long, "God save the King;" and each peer present puts on his coronet, and a blast of trumpets rings out, and the booming of cannon is heard from without. "Be strong and of good courage," continues the prelate, "observe the commandments of God, and walk in His holy ways. Fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life, that in this world you may be crowned with success and honour, and when you have finished your course receive a crown of righteousness, which God, the Righteous Judge, shall give you on that day."

CARRYING THE KING'S CROWN INTO THE ABBEY
A snapshot of Canon Duckworth

"Stand Firm and Hold Fast"

The King is crowned, and again that dark stone under the carved chair has witnessed another Coronation. The electric lights around the capitals of the shafts supporting the central tower shine out, and the shimmer of colour below is like some fairy scene illumined in ocean depths, for the dusk of the Gothic Abbey is over all despite the glow on uniforms, robes, and gold. The dark blue of the carpets add to the contrast between the dusk of the scene and the brightness of hue of the actors in it. The Bible is presented, and the Archbishop's blessing is given. How many Kings has that stone seen thus crowned? No one knows. Was it indeed the stone on which Jacob's head lay when he saw the vision of the angels ascending and descending? So tradition says; but tradition has a heavy load to bear in carrying this stone from East to West, for it is so heavy that it requires the strength of two men to lift and bear it. Two iron coils are let in to each end of it, as handles to iron bars that embrace the stone, and the ring handles have worn deeply into the hard sandstone as they lie in their places. Many charms are supposed to be possessed by stones. Surely none have ever so redeemed their promise, and so fulfilled their fame for virtue, as has this mass of heavy yellowish sandstone, no matter whence it came or where quarried. "Unless legend lies, wherever be this stone there shall Scot rule," was the saying, and the descendant of the Scot kings again sits to be crowned over the Stone of Fate!

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THE CORONATION CLERGY ENTERING THE ABBEY: CANON DUCKWORTH, WITH THE CROWN, AT THE TOP OF THE STEPS

THE CROWNING OF THE KING
BY THE DUKE OF ARGYLL

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S GUESTS: POOR CHILDREN WATCHING THE PROCESSION FROM MARLBOROUGH HOUSE

It was a happy and pleasant thought which prompted their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to devote one of the finest positions on the route to poor children. At Marlborough House upwards of a thousand little ones were provided with seats to view the procession, as well as being handsomely entertained. (Drawn by Eva Roos)

The Queen's Train of Gold

And now with grand music there is a movement from the choir to the "theatre" in the transepts for the homage. Following the King, the bearers of the regalia, going into the widest part of the church, stand around the low-built steps of the blue-carpeted daïs on which the two great State chairs are placed. The Queen's officers in the same manner stand around her where she sits placed on the left of the King, and a few yards apart. The King's and Queen's long trains are each borne by six pages. The Queen's is a mass of gold so heavy that the pages feel they must lift the weight so that it may weigh as little as possible on her shoulders.

The Homage of the Peers

Then all the peers in turn do homage, taking off their coronets which they have worn since the King put on his crown, as they kneel, each "order" in turn, first the Prince of Wales for those of the King's family, then the Duke of oldest creation, the Duke of Norfolk, for his order, and so on until the Barons also have knelt in token that they each and all take, with the leading representative of their rank, the oath of homage. Each leader kisses the King's cheek, touches his Crown as pledge that he will support it with all his power; and while this ancient usage is being again performed the anthem comes from the choristers in the gallery over the rood screen, where Sir F. Bridge, the organist, leads the music. "Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful." The trumpets sound when this homage is over and the people call out, "God save King Edward—Long live King Edward!"

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ON THE WAY TO THE ABBEY: THE KING AND QUEEN IN THE STATE COACH GOING TO BE CROWNED

"The Prettiest Ceremony of All"

The Queen's crowning by the Archbishop of York, her anointing before the altar to which she proceeds, followed by all her pages and her ladies, while four Duchesses hold a canopy over her, is the prettiest ceremony of all. She goes to the altar from the transept, and returns when her part is over, making obeisance as she passes the King, before seating herself. "Receive the Crown of Glory," says to her the Archbishop of York, "honour and joy; and God enrich your Royal heart with His abundant grace, and crown you with all princely virtues in this life." Then all the peeresses put on their coronets, while the King and Queen march back to the altar, the movements making many colours, all too dimly seen in the darkened Abbey, till all again rest, except the priests who give the Sacrament, and then pray for and "exhort." The bearers of the sceptres go to the King, and he, wearing the crown he had taken off while taking the Sacrament, stands, and, bearing his insignia, passes behind the altar screen; and "Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men," is sung.

In the Dim Shades of the Abbey

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always," are the last words heard; and, rising, the two processions again traverse the short distance to the doorways in the screen behind the altar, and are hidden, as around the tomb of the Confessor they gather to have purple velvet mantles in lieu of those of crimson placed on the Sovereigns, who then, still wearing crowns and sceptres, issue forth into the church, where in the transepts the whole of their coroneted escort await them, and, slowly as they enter, all pass down the steps to the chancel and nave, and so to the great west door, to the ante hall, and to their carriages, while the acclaiming multitudes roar their cheers as the road to the Palace is taken, carriage after carriage taking up its bright burden; escort after escort, with tramp of hoof and martial music, passing homeward as the bells keep their musical clangour overhead. And the prayer of the mitred prelate in the dim shades of the Abbey they have left, comes back on the memory: "O God, who providest for Thy people by Thy power, and rulest over them in love, grant unto this Thy servant Edward, our King, the spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted to Thee with all his heart, he may so wisely govern this Kingdom, that in his time Thy Church and People may con inue in safety and prosperity, and that persevering in good work unto the end he may through Thy mercy come to Thine everlasting Kingdom."

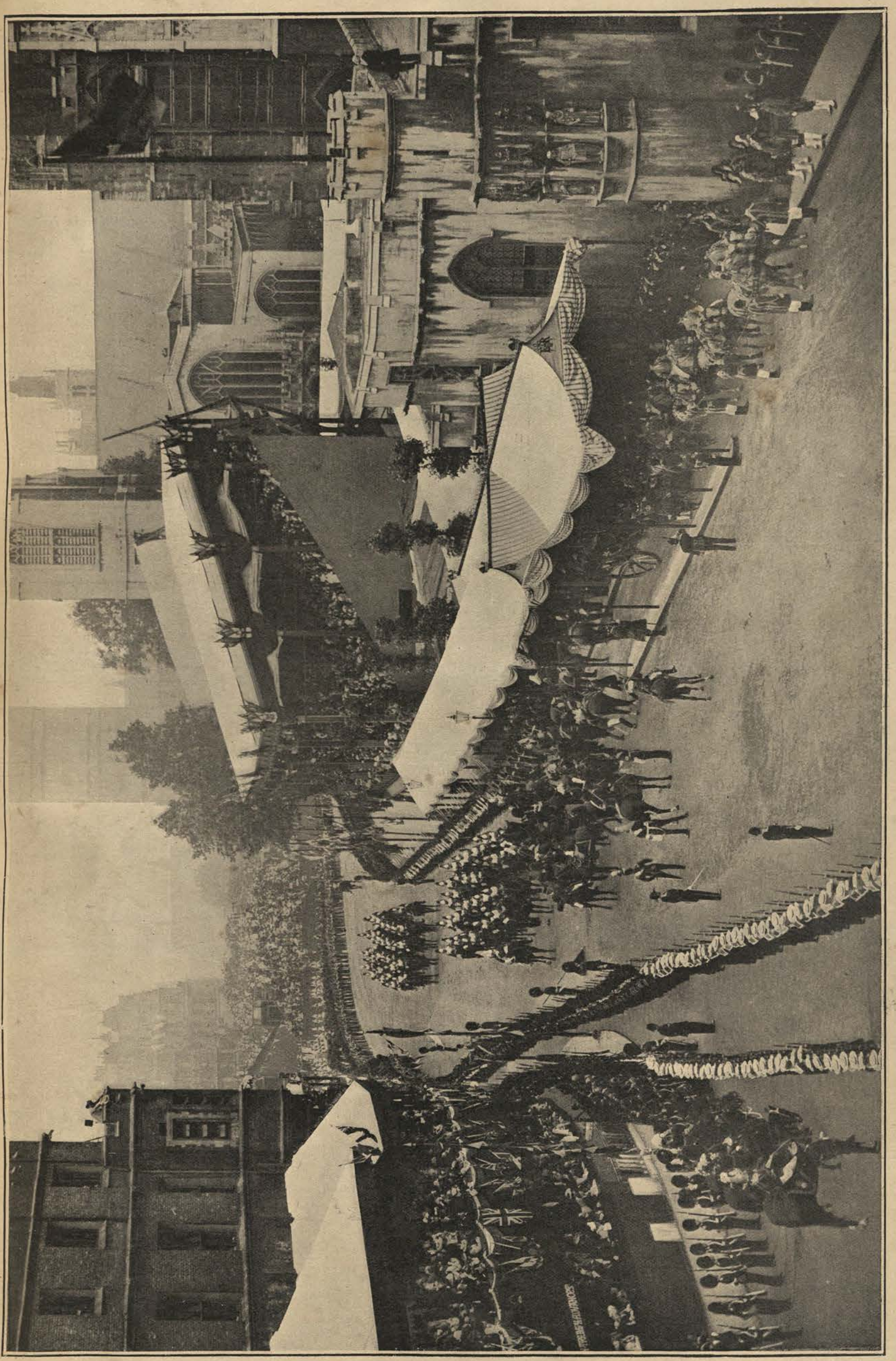
A Nation's Communion with God

A Coronation is a sacrament, a nation's solemn communion with God. We thank Him for the King's health restored. We thank Him for giving the Empire Peace. Now that Peace is here it is with us a double thanksgiving to the Almighty. On our knees we give homage to the God of Battles, asking Him to bless our King, who represents the nation our fathers have founded, and the Empire we bind ourselves with our monarch to defend. No greater solemnity can be conceived. The old usages are only the incidents marking that it is from of old. Before the Coronation of Queen Victoria a peer declared in the House of Lords that the whole thing was a useless mummery. "Seeing, he did not see; and hearing, he did not hear." The observances that had a meaning to his forefathers, and were fashioned by them to give expression to the meaning of a national event, were to him only a bore. No crown solemnly lifted to ask for God's blessing before it was worn, but a State document signed by a paid officer and sent by parcel post would be the modern equivalent of the act of the transference of rule. A commission stamped by the representative of the assembly of the people is enough. Would that have suited his lordship?

The Crowned Republic

There are always a few who deride the foundation of respect in the observance of which they themselves stand, and who see in laziness the simplicity of action. But the truer sense of the people desires to have the continuance between their own historic past and their living present marked by ceremonies which bring afresh to their minds what their fathers were and what they are. They like to see foreigners from abroad come to witness their fresh re-assertion of the place Britons have taken in the eyes of the world. The people are conscious that "they are a people yet, though all men else their nobler dreams forget." Their eyes desire the picture of their mind's ideal. The very rites to which their King submits, the very oath he takes, the circumstance and pomp with which he is surrounded, tell his countrymen that for them he lives, moves, and has his being. They put the Executive of Government into office. They dismiss them from office. Their King is always in office for them. He is always assisting, partaking but

THE CROWNING OF THE QUEEN BY THE DUKE OF ARGYLL



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ON THE THRESHOLD: THE ARRIVAL OF THE KING AND QUEEN AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

not controlling, the functions of their Government. Britain has been called a Crowned Republic, but no Republic that exists, or has existed, has such freedom to change at once the Executive Government as has the electorate of Britain. And as with the central little island, so with the vast masses of continent and giant islands of her Empire. Each has taken to heart the lessons conveyed by these Coronation ceremonies, and each strives for a permanent headship joined to a responsible Ministry, freely changed in its functions of government when no longer acceptable to the people. This is the fullest, freest, and yet the proudest form of popular rule ever known, and existent only among races whose ancestors knew its birth, and where its strength has been slowly but surely created.

The Empire and the Throne

The crown received at the Church's hands is the crown of the Revolution, rendered to the worthiest descendant of hereditary monarchy; the sceptres are the symbols of the attributes of Royal mercy, exercised through a judiciary, blameless in its public conduct, and of an honesty never questioned, as executing justice apart from all popular or monarchical influence. The mysterious ceremony of the redemption of the sword is, again, a homage paid to the highest source of all justice, the Divine mercy. And when we look round on those who are the witnesses of these ancient rites, we see men from Australasia and Canada, the Britains beyond the sea, and from the Empire of India and the Crown Colonies, ready to give that earthly homage to the King of the Britains and Emperor of the East which tells of freedom fully exercised under the dominion to which they vow allegiance. To-day, after a long African war, they, with us "at home," celebrate this Coronation in profound peace. It would have proceeded just the same had there been war, not in one part of the Empire, but within or without its borders.

What England Stands For

All this is so, not because the Empire is driven by heartless conquerors, but because it is in itself the incarnation of progress. Its cause, with its peoples, must expand, because its life is movement and advance. Each little swarm from the parent hive of England sets up wherever it goes, not foreign, not strange, but England's institutions. Each becomes a growing part of the old island, transplanted and endowed through its wide area of domain with a fresh English life for growth in freedom and alliance with its kin. Each son feels himself as much a Briton as ever, though he may cross seas to win lands thousands of miles from the old hearth. Each looks forward how to maintain himself and grow to strength that shall make him a colleague in the might of Empire. Each looks back to ancestral valour to nerve him with strength to fight in the conflicts that must come. It is no useless past that we recall in these ceremonies. We are all the better for thinking of those who went before and made the path plain for ourselves. We inherit no mean heritage; we are heirs of no feeble dreamers. By remembering the old we prepare for the new; and so, step by step and generation by generation, in certain and wise advance, we build ever broader the edifice of freedom and alliance, asking God to bless all He permits us to accomplish.

Lord Kitchener Admiral Seymour General Gaselee [Russell

WAR HEROES IN THE CORONATION PROCESSION

LORD ROBERTS IN THE CORONATION PROCESSION
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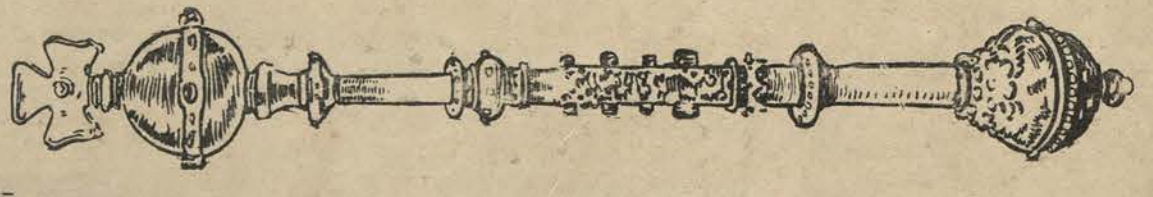
THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT RIDING ALONG THE ROUTE
In the early hours of Coronation day



THE EMPIRE AND THE KING
BY THE DUKE OF ARGYLL

SOME CORONATION STORIES

THE rehearsals which have preceded the Coronation were not unnecessary. Experience has taught that upon such momentous occasions as these, the most level-headed may forget their parts. It looks very tame to see the King's Champion armed from head to heel in ringing steel fall clattering upon the pavement of the hall, or, worse still, to see the mighty steed he bestrides—which has been carefully trained to back out of the hall after the gauntlet has been thrown down—enter the hall backwards and bolt ingloriously out the reverse way to that planned. King Edward has dispensed with the services of this officer, and so had no fear of a repetition of such accidents as those which had happened at previous Coronations.

Precautions and Predicaments

But the present is not by any means the first occasion upon which elaborate precautions had been taken to guard against mistakes during the ceremony. The Coronation of Charles II. was rehearsed with the greatest care, and precedent was followed in the minutest detail in order to completely efface all suspicion of any effect of the Revolution which had intervened between his coronation and that of his unfortunate father. James II., too, although for the sake of economy he would not have a procession through the City, was very careful about the arrangements; and in the sad days of exile which were to follow, his Queen used to boast, first, that she was apparelled in garments decorated with jewels worth a million sterling, and, second, that there never had been previously such a coronation as hers.

Unrehearsed Incidents

There was an unrehearsed incident about the next coronation, for just as William and Mary were setting out for the Abbey, news arrived that the deposed King had landed in Ireland, and that practically all the island had yielded to him. Hence, before the ceremony at the Abbey could proceed, it was necessary to give instructions for measures to guard against an invasion of England. Queen Anne, as everybody has read, had to be carried to her Coronation, although she insisted upon wearing a wonderful train, which was supported by four ladies of the Court. Prince George of Denmark, her husband, had no share in the Coronation until he came forward at the head of the Peers to do homage. George I., of course, could not speak English, and the officiating dignitaries could communicate with him only in Latin, giving rise to the joke about such a quantity of bad language being used at the ceremony. George III. had an aggravating experience, for no State Sword was forthcoming at the time, neither were there the necessary State chairs nor canopy. The deputy Earl Marshal excused himself in terms which must have caused the Duke of Norfolk a shudder when he had read them: "It is true, sir, that there has been some neglect, but I have taken care that the next coronation shall be regulated in the exactest manner possible."

King, Corsets and Consort

George IV. did the thing very thoroughly. He dressed for the part so conscientiously that he had to retire during one portion of the ceremony, and ease the corsets which his vanity had prompted him to wear. He paid heavily for his "waist," for he was in misery throughout the day, and he was continually mopping his perspiring brow with the pocket-handkerchiefs which he handed in rapid succession to the Primate, who stood beside him.

Queen Victoria's Trials

A good many slips occurred over the Coronation of Queen Victoria. Nobody seems to have troubled to learn his part. We know from Greville that "they made her leave her chair and enter the St. Edward's Chapel before the prayers were concluded, much to the discomfiture of the Archbishop. She said to John Thynne, 'Pray tell me what I am to do, for they don't know;' and at the

[Lafayette

ONE OF THE KING'S TRAIN-BEARERS: EARL OF PORTARLINGTON

Who assisted in bearing the King's train in the procession up the nave of Westminster Abbey

end, when the Orb was put into her hand, she said to him, 'What am I to do with it?' 'Your Majesty is to carry it, if you please, in your hand.' 'Am I?' she said; 'it is very heavy.'" The ring proved to be of the wrong size, and her Majesty had to remove all her other rings before she could get it on; and afterwards, her hand, which was badly hurt, had to be bathed in iced water to get the too-small ring off. One incident everybody noticed. Lord Rolle, who was between eighty and ninety years of age at the time, fell when advancing up the steps of the throne to do homage. The gracious young Queen instantly rose from the throne and went down one or two steps to meet the aged peer, an act which formed one of the happiest events of the day.

In Pre-Cinematograph Days

Much has been heard of the project for presenting, by the aid of the cinematograph, what purports to be a representation of the Coronation. This was a direction to which the public fancy inclined in the good old days when cinematographs were not, and when, though the mock presentation took place in the midst of the wildest revelry, the purpose was serious, and men and women supported the various rôles. It was a far cry from Elizabeth's Coronation to the time in which an attempt at reproduction of it was given. But in 1680 the anti-Catholic agitation was being vigorously prosecuted, and Bartholomew Fair, ever ready to make its attractions topical, took a cue from Parliament, which had agreed: "That, upon the evidence that has already appeared to the House, this House is of opinion that there hath been, and still is, a damnable and hellish plot, combined and carried on by Popish recusants, for assassinating and murdering the King, and for subverting the Government, and rooting out and destroying the Protestant Religion."

Coronation in the Play-Booth

This state of things could not be tolerated at Bartholomew Fair, so it had its own protest in the form of a play written specially for performance in one of its booths, and, at a penny a head, all and sundry were instructed in the horror of the situation by a piece called "The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, with the Restoration of the Protestant Religion; or, the Downfall of the Pope. Being a most excellent Play, as it was Acted, Both at Bartholomew and Southwark Fairs, This Present Year, 1680, With great Applause, and Approval of, and highly Commended by all, the Protestant Nobility, Gentry, and Commonalty of England, who came to be spectators of the same." There is only one copy of the play extant to-day, so it may be of interest to recall the *dramatis personæ* of this stirring performance: "Queen Elizabeth; 2 Bishops (Protestant); A Lord, General to the Queen; Another Lord; 1 Popish Cardinal; 2 Popish Cardinal; Tim, a Tinker; Brush, a Cooper; Honeysuckle, a Cook; The Pope; Devil; 2 Jesuits, designed to Kill the Queen; Dulcemente, a Nun . . . .; Cardinal Moricena, her Father; 2 Ghosts; 2 Devils more; Singers and Mutes, &c."

Omens Good and Ill

Everybody has been on the look-out for omens. The appearance in St. Paul's Cathedral of a solitary bird at the Thanksgiving Service following the declaration of Peace in South Africa was seized upon by the gossip-mongers as auguring both good and ill. As a matter of fact, the feathered wanderer was a pigeon, and the pessimists' deductions were not happy, and they shook their heads wisely when the King's illness was announced. Others declared the pigeon a dove, and deducted the cheeriest auguries. "Coronation omens" fill many pages in the average work devoted to the subject, but examination proves that as a rule it was when a reign proved unfortunate that events at the crowning of the Sovereign were afterwards remembered and set down in the category of evil auguries. And these are committed as precedents for the observation and information of posterity. Well, when some of us are grandparents, probably we shall look back upon this Coronation and tell of the glad signs we all read foretelling the bright and happy reign of Edward VII.

* THE TWO SIMPLETONS *

A COMEDY OF RUSTIC COURTSHIP.

BY GEORGE MORLEY

THE chimes in the Castleworth Road came tinkling up the mead in front of the Vicarage at Lynton, chiming, in sweet and mellow tones, the hour of half-past six upon an early autumn evening.

At that particular time the side door of the Vicarage (in the lane leading to the village, the fields and the coombe beyond) opened, and two females appeared upon the step. One was dressed for walking, in a light buff overmantle, which reached nearly to her feet —a comfortable protection from the night air which begins to be chilly in October—and a white straw sailor hat, with a dandy butterfly bow of white silk perched on the front in the fashionable Brookington style.

It was scarcely yet dark, though the trees in that lane were thick with leafage, and it could be seen that the form of this lady, in spite of her covering, was physically beautiful; and there was also light enough to see that the face under the hat was likewise formed in beauty's mould—was, indeed, one of those whose material bloom plays such havoc with the heart of youth.

This maiden passed over the step into the lane, the other (dressed in a neat black bodice and skirt, and snow-white apron over them, with a white cap upon her head) stood upon the step.

"If I do not return in half an hour, Jane, quite by seven o'clock," said the young person in the lane in a sweet, full-throated voice, "take the letter to my father in the church."

"Yes, Miss Hetty," said the girl on the step in reply, in the effusive style of the menial.

The women then parted. Jane went in and shut the door: Hetty Foy, the Vicar's daughter, turned down the lane with a carriage which neither denoted slowness or haste, but with a studiously even pace quite unlikely to attract the curiosity of any passer-by.

Skirting the south eastern corner and crossing the road, she came to a clap gate in a wall, which led to the fields connecting the village of Lynton to the town of Brookington. Through this she passed sedately, with the air of a young lady tired of the drawing-room, and anxious for a breath of the sweet wind that cooleth the fields and kisseth the cheeks of the wanderer.

She halted by the style at the end of the fourth enclosure, midway between the parishes of Lynton in the north and Brookington in the south-west, and looked back.

The scene was one of calm and blissful beauty, sweet and refreshing to the senses.

Hetty's attention was more particularly drawn to the farm and buildings north-east of the Dovehouse Close, through which she had just passed. Red roofs, brown gables, and yellow rick-ends peeping out from clusters of fruit trees, made the spot one of attraction to any eye ever so little in love with picturesque rural scenes. In a north-easterly direction, slanting off from the gay tiles and cheerful thatch, proudly stood the sober stone tower of Lynton Church, not more than half a mile away, adding a touch of dignity to everything in that silent greenwood world.

It looked at that distance, embowered amid tall, branching elms and beeches, with its one squint-like window, like the castellated lodge of an ancient fortress.

And over all a toneless, motionless blue sky, growing dimmer with almost imperceptible degrees, yet assuredly and steadily dimmer, as told by the twinkling lights in the western semicircle of landscape, where the world of gay Brookington was putting on its evening dress and preparing for its nightly delights.

Hetty's eyes were turned in that direction, sweeping the welkin to where the rim of her little world rounded off into complete shadow, with the lights between that and the dimness which now covered her.

Thus for a moment or two she did not observe the white object moving steadily over the fields towards her in a diagonal line from the north-eastern corner. Through hedgerow, over stile, across mead (looking in the dusk less like a man than a large white feathered creature), on it came until, in the next field to that in which Hetty sat, it quite disappeared from view, leaving for a space a broad green landscape clean and level as a garden lawn.

In a few seconds the figure reappeared, having now assumed the shape of a man, by the side of the hedge not far from Hetty herself; coming along swiftly but noiselessly, evidently with the object of surprising the maiden in her reverie.

The object succeeded admirably. Hetty's eyes were intently gazing at the twinkling lights of Brookington, springing up like torches amid the green wood in the west, and her back was towards the approaching young man. That soft green carpet of grass also conspired to silence his movements; and the repeated cries of the lonely peacock on the parsonage roof and the jack-squealers (swifts) taking their final flight round the fields before seeking their night quarters under the thatch, all combined to drown the very light sound made by his footfall.

He succeeded, therefore, in getting to the very edge of the grass bordering the pathway ere Hetty was aware of his presence.

She turned with a start. He sprang out of the grass with a merry laugh, leaped upon the stile beside her, and threw one arm round her waist before she could give utterance to the fluty little round "O!" of surprise which hung trembling upon her tongue.

"Ah! Hetty, lass, Hetty," he warbled kindly, pressing his cheek against her own. "Your love's eyes were blind that time; you did'na see me."

"O, Marky, Marky," replied the girl in a state of visible agitation—of even indignation. "In your smock—O, Marky!"

They both looked at each other, or rather turned their faces together for all they could see in the now deepening dark.

If it had been a trifle less dim, Marky would have seen a flash of bitter disappointment, amounting almost to bitter anger, in the eyes of Hetty. As it was, her cheek being so close to his, he could see the faint flutter of a beaming light in her beautiful eyes, and could plainly hear the beating of her heart, which sufficed to tell him that Hetty was much put out. He knew why—because he was not in the costume of an abductor.

"Donna be angry, Hetty, lass," he cooed, in a sweet, fresh voice that would have softened the wrath of a less imperious beauty. "It's best as it is. I've been thinking it over, an' I've come to th' point of repentin' as I ever agreed to carry ye off to Brookington."

"Aren't you going to then, Mark—aren't you going to?" quickly replied Hetty, with a disdainful note in her voice which would have irrevocably condemned any other woman in a moment. "Aren't you going to run away with me and marry me?"

"No, Het, darling, I canna—I can't," continued Mark, in a serious and manly tone. "It' ud be very wrong. Donna ye see it same as I do? Your father 'ud never forgive you—never—if we made a runaway match. It 'ud quite break his heart, an' I know it 'ud break mother's. Your father's got no one but you in all the world, an' my mother's got no one but me; so donna ye think, sweetheart, as it 'ud be very cruel on us to leave 'em? I do, an' I can't do it. Besides, what could I do at Brookington to keep thee as I want to—like the leddy as thee art? There's no land there to work on, an' I know naught but farming."

For answer Hetty burst into tears. The pride and frivolity of her nature had sustained such a fall that she could find no way to conceal her vexation, and had to resort to the truly woman's way of weeping.

"'Tis a shame," she sobbed, "a shame it is. After having planned everything so nicely, for you to come with a tale like this. I thought something was wrong when you came in your smock. And yet you say you love me! O, Marky, Marky!"

"'Tis because I love ye so dearly an' truly, Hetty, lass," replied Mark, quietly, "that I'll never ruin ye by running off with ye. Donna cry, sweetheart; 'tis right to stop, an' not to go. Parson Foy's a good man, an' he'll give his consent. I know he will soon if he wunna just at present. So donna ye be frettin' over it, lassie. 'Twill be all right just now."

Just at that moment, while Hetty was wrestling with wounded pride and a right sense of duty, the clock of the Town Hall at Brookington, with a booming sound that made her shiver as she sat, struck the hour of seven, with a slow pause between each stroke, as if telling some painful tale in each pause to the maiden and the youth.

Hetty jumped from the stile like one taken with a sudden frenzy.

"O, Marky!" she cried, in anguish, "that's seven. Why did you not come earlier? Why did you not?—why did you not? Papa's got that fatal letter by now—that hateful letter—telling him I was running away with you! For I told Jane if I was not back by seven she was to give it him. O, God! I am a miserable sinner, through loving myself too much. What shall I do, Marky?—what shall I do?"

Her agony was painful to Mark, since he had contributed to the bringing about of this disaster. He saw now (now that it might be too late to prevent the tragedy of at least one broken heart) how fatally foolish they had both been in planning an escapade which had the elements of romance in it, but nothing to commend it to the cold light of common-sense. Hetty was to blame for murmuring at her lot and craving for "a new life." He was more to blame for listening to her and falling in with projects which could never have any other fate than dull and complete failure.

Still, this was not a time for vain regrets, but for immediate action.

"You an' me must do the right thing, Hetty, darling!" said Mark, gravely, putting his arm round her waist, and leading her back across the fields whence she had come. "We must go back. I am with you in trouble as in joy. If your father has received the letter we will sue to him for forgiveness. If by good luck Jane has forgotten to give it to him, then, sweet lass! we must thank God for having mercy upon such miserable sinners as we are. Come quickly, dear."

They moved swiftly over the ribbed meads—two light-coloured figures fleeing through shadow when they came to the stiles—one figure only, it seemed, joined by Marky's arm when passing over the grass.

No word was spoken; Hetty occasionally turned her head with a longing, lingering look towards the twinkling lights of Brookington—the Pisgah of her youthful vanity; but neither of them essayed to speak. They were both too full of perplexing thoughts just then, and Marky, in particular (having in mind a tragedy which had occurred two years before in his own life) was in hot haste to get to the Vicarage to prevent any possible repetition of that dire event.

As they neared the wall which flanked the last field from the Lynton Road, the lonely peacock screamed most plaintively from the parsonage roof.

"O, that melancholy bird!" sighed Hetty, pressing closer to Mark.

"I love its note," said Mark, softly.

"You are like father in that, and yet you are not dull and melancholy."

"I love every voice of Nature, Het, an' yours more than all."

Hetty could have kissed Mark at that moment, even through her tears; he was such a courtier to her, though a simple countryman.

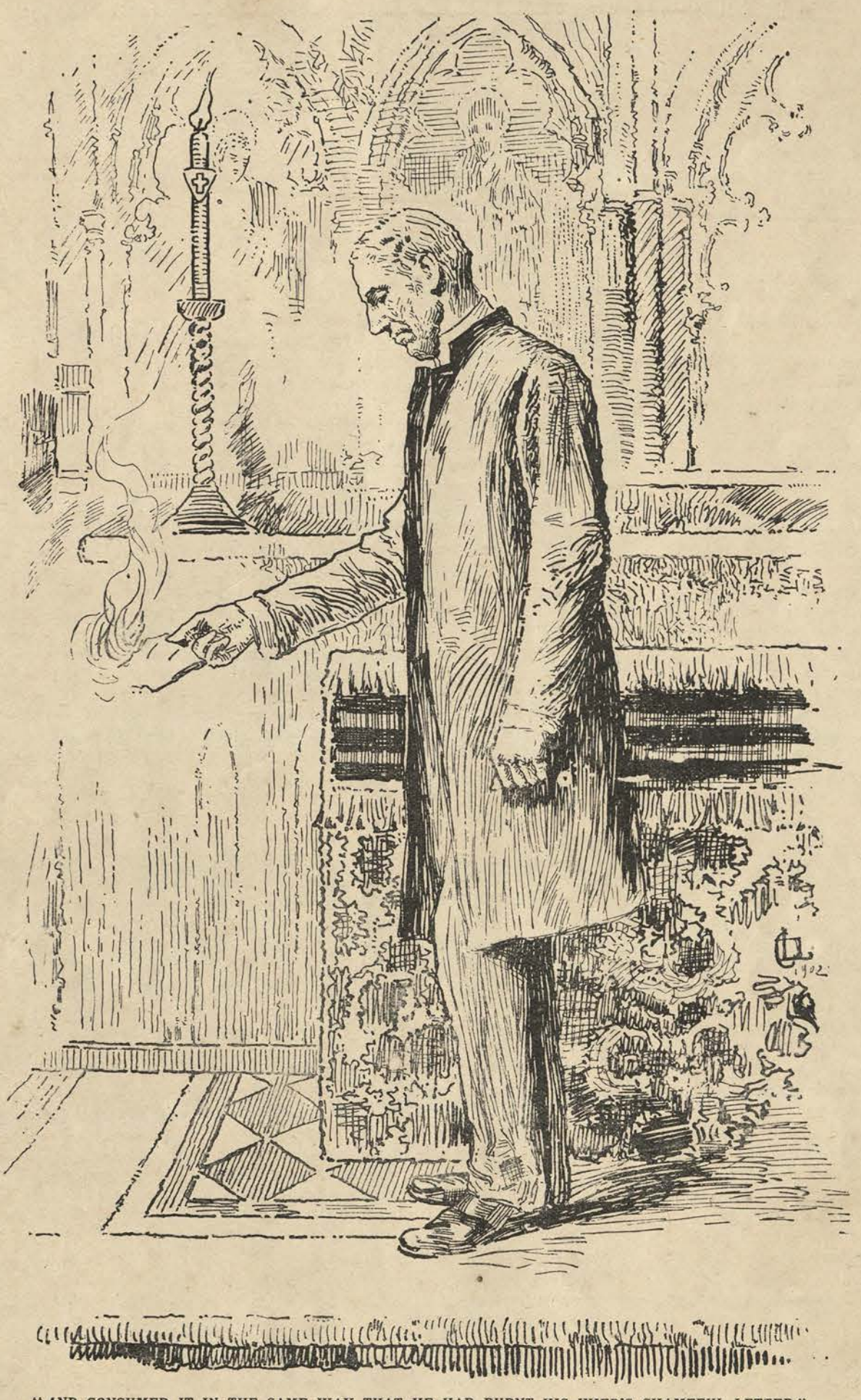
They turned swiftly into the lane leading to the church. A light streamed through the eyes of the Saint on the painted window-pane. Parson Foy was still there then, otherwise the church would have been in darkness.

The side door of the Vicarage was ajar. Hetty looked through the opening as they passed and saw Jane and her Charlie from Brookington performing those endearing arts known and practised by lovers. She turned her head quickly away, with a slight pang at Jane's happiness and her own supposed misery, and the two sped on to the churchyard.

Walking upon the edge of the turf (newly mown by the scythe of the industrious sexton and parish clerk) so as to make no noise, they halted by the iron gate which fenced off the porch door.

Hetty was trembling. Mark could feel her supple form quivering and dithering in his clasp. She knew something of her father's trouble; she had learned by years of companionship and a quick intuitive power to know those things which hurt him most. She felt that if he had read that letter of hers she had dealt him a wound which time would never be able to heal.

Consequently she was burning with anxiety to rush into the church to see whether or no her fatal letter had been delivered, yet her heart was like ice and her feet were as the feet of lead.



"AND CONSUMED IT IN THE SAME WAY THAT HE HAD BURNT HIS WIFE'S SHAMEFUL LETTER"
(Drawn by Leon Daviel)

"Come, Hetty," said Mark in a low tone—the tone of a man who had the courage to own to a fault—"let us go in, lassie, an' know the worst—and the best."

He turned the handle of the iron gate; it creaked as heretofore—creaked as it always did, loudly and painfully. The peacock heard it and screamed that wonderful scream again, which gives such a picturesque and outlandish air to Lynton after nightfall. Parson Foy, too, heard it, and heard the creaking of the gate which caused the scream; but just then he was beyond the power of paying attention to either.

Mark took Hetty's hand in his, and the two passed silently through the porch—darker now than the outside world—and, coming to the end thereof, looked up the dim church to the lighted chancel beyond.

There they saw a picture that melted both their hearts.

There, with his arms stretched out over the chancel table; with his head (which, under the gems of light from the brass candlestick, looked at that distance as if covered with almost white curls) bent down upon them; there with his body heaving and shaking with the emotion under which he was suffering; there was her father—the good, the patient, the unfortunate Parson Foy—brought to that pass by the beautiful being who was now a witness to his agony.

Hetty fled up the church aisle with the lightness of a spirit to her father's side, followed closely by Mark—a fine, healthy, handsome figure—without his hat; and, touching him softly upon the arm, cried (with a great sob almost choking her utterance, for she could see the corner of her letter peeping from beneath his arm):

"Papa, papa!"

Parson Foy raised his face.

There before him, bending down and touching his knees, with the full light upon her rounded and youthful beauty, was Hetty—his child, his all on earth.

"Ah, Hetty, Hetty!" he said, with a melancholy half-smile.

That was all; but it was enough for Hetty. She knew she was forgiven. "Such a man as Parson Foy was," as the sexton and parish clerk was for ever saying. With a burst of tears she threw her arms round the lone man's neck, and kissed him many times—on the cheeks, the forehead and the hair.

"And so you wanted to carry off my

daughter, did you?" he said, gravely, seeing Mark slightly in the background, standing there with quiet and respectful dignity, watching the pretty scene.

"No, father, no!" interposed Hetty, with that full, fluty, sweet-throated voice which both men loved so well. "It was not Marky's fault, it was mine. I wanted to carry Marky off. It was he, indeed, who would not let me, but counselled me to return."

Parson Foy raised himself up from the table and leant back in his chair, looking earnestly at the young farmer and then at his daughter.

They were a beautiful pair, he could not but own it, made as it were for each other: she with her dark, voluptuous style of beauty, he with a style that might appropriately be called semi-angelic.

Yet somehow the lone man felt angry with Mark, for Mark had stolen the love of his child.

"If Marky had not come into my life, I never would have left you—never; for, next to him, I love you better than anyone on the earth."

Those words in Hetty's letter came home to him just then—cruelly, painfully. His position must now, in any case, be a secondary one.

Hetty had come on so fast, had so wound herself into the life of Mark, that he foresaw graver complications than that now evaded if they were not permitted to have their own way and be married. *He* must lose her; *he* must be the one—the only one—to suffer.

He called Mark to him. Hetty was already there.

"Marky," he said, quietly, "you have been a brave and manly fellow. I have always liked you; now I like you better than ever. It was my wish for you and Hetty to be married—but not yet. However, events have hastened matters, and, as you are so deeply in love, well, take each other for better or worse. God grant it may not be for worse. Now leave me for a little and go into the house."

He gave Hetty's hand into Mark's and sent them, smiling, down the dim aisle and out into the darker night.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA AND PRINCE EDWARD

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Then he took Hetty's letter, held it in the flame of the brazen candlestick, and consumed it, in the same way that he had burnt his wife's shameful letter (when she, with her demonian beauty, abandoned the quiet life of the Vicarage for the twinkling lights of gay Brookington) ten years before.

"Now I have only God," he said, calmly. "Yet, after all, *He* is everything."

The gate creaked after Hetty and Mark, the peacock screamed, the solitude of the whole scene seemed immense; yet Parson Foy looked happy now. He had overcome all his griefs, braved all his troubles, put all his own affairs behind his back, and was once more as he used to be in his old curate days.

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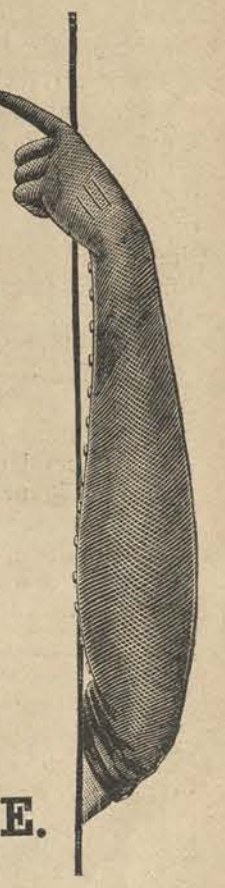

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have called butcher-linen blue. Turquoise may have more affinity with the purple grade of dark blue; I don't care for it with the genuine navy. Navy blue, however, is a wonderful colour in the matter of accessories, it has ever so many affinities and is almost as amiable as a neutral tone in that respect, and perhaps nothing is better with it than a note that amounts to a medley of colour—for example, a wildflower hat in which poppies and corn and clover and all kinds of things are thrown in together. I saw a capital travelling hat the other day intended for a dark blue alpaca. It was the correct rounded hat with a turned-up brim flat at the back, and it was of white straw with a band round the brim of dark blue velvet, and round the crown placed in a neat packed sort of way (which is as good in a travelling hat as graceful ease in the picturesque capeline) a wreath of field flowers. By the way, graceful ease in floral headgear is being cruelly caricatured by the maiden in the street, who hangs a fringe of flowers over the brim of her hat in her search after the picturesque. The flower hat will very soon take the place of the befeathered and battered favourite of the factory hand, who I understand is showing quite a leaning towards Banksia roses and forget-me-nots.

A Charming Teagown

Frances wants me to come round this afternoon. It is just to admire her new teagown, I feel certain, which she considers a triumph in graceful economies, as it is fashioned of one of Liberty's quite inexpensive printed muslins, the delicate gauzy kind with blurred flowering, that is more than half-way to being chiffon. She tells me it is so daintily manœuvred with lace and veinings, and yet so simple in its plan. She would also have my expert opinion, or she means admiration, for her travelling costume of grey alpaca, strapped with white and black foulard, that is again piped with black *panne*. It does sound a useful, comfortable, elegant thing to face a journey in.

The Return of the King

WEDNESDAY.—The sun is trying desperately hard to break through the clouds to greet our convalescent King, and unless it succeeds it will be a watery though a warm welcome London will give him this afternoon. Meanwhile how quietly the great day is approaching. It is only now what we used to call when we were little "the day after the day after to-morrow," when we hope most sincerely for real "King's weather." Nature must dry her eyes by Saturday. One thinks with pity of the poor railway porters on Monday in the general dispersion. So far the rush promises to be more to Scotland than the Continent. The King goes northwards in due course, which expectation has greatly reassured the "land of cakes." Some wicked man has lately written a book maligning what he calls "The Unspeakable Scot," in which he reminds one of the indiscreet person who kicks against a brick wall, thinking to demolish it, but hurting only himself. Some equally foolish reviewers have dragged the book into publicity: they had much better have ignored it by—the silence of contempt.

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About Pat in Particular

It is open to question whether Pat is not the more lovable of the three; he is certainly the most artistic, has the highest sensibility, and, if only that stupid ocean didn't roll between us and him, might figure in a far more prominent way in the world's affairs. It has been proved over and over again that the Irishman who cuts clear of his surroundings, may conquer all things and bring both fame and fortune to his feet. The Irishman has the gift of taste, with all that this implies. When is someone going to think it worth their while to write a book on "The Imperturbable Pat"? It would be most interesting, not to say edifying, and isn't he (Pat) probably the wittiest man in the world? Here's a good story of the last time the Prince of Wales crossed over to Ireland, and of Davie, the famous newspaper-selling character of Kingstown Pier. The Prince made a point of greeting Davie, and a golden half-sovereign found its way into Davie's hand, when "Faith, sir, but y'ere half a Sovereign yourself," quickly responded the wit. DAPHNE.

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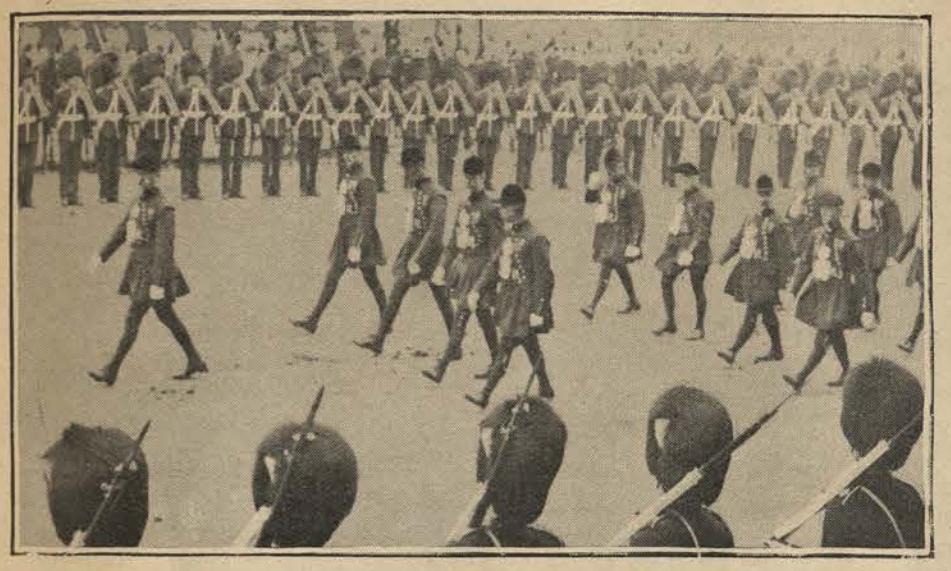

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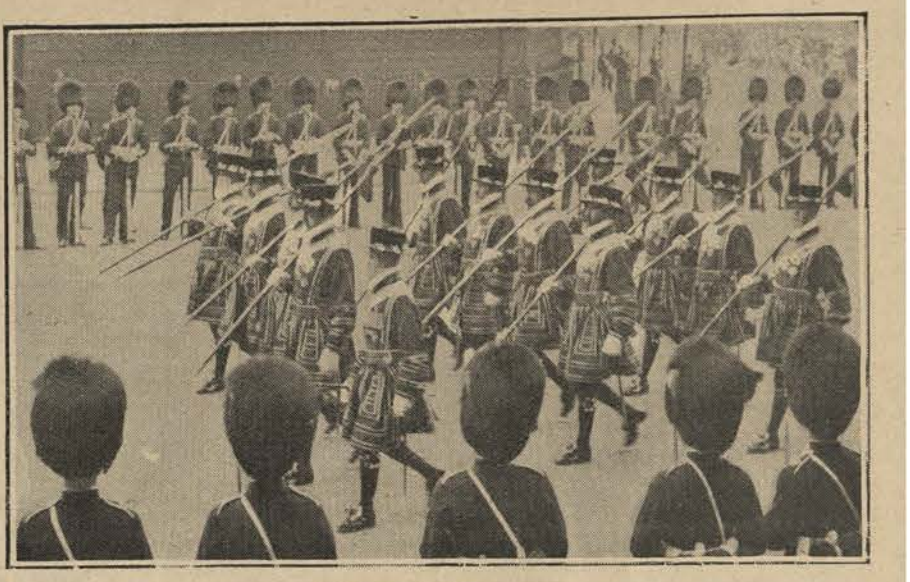

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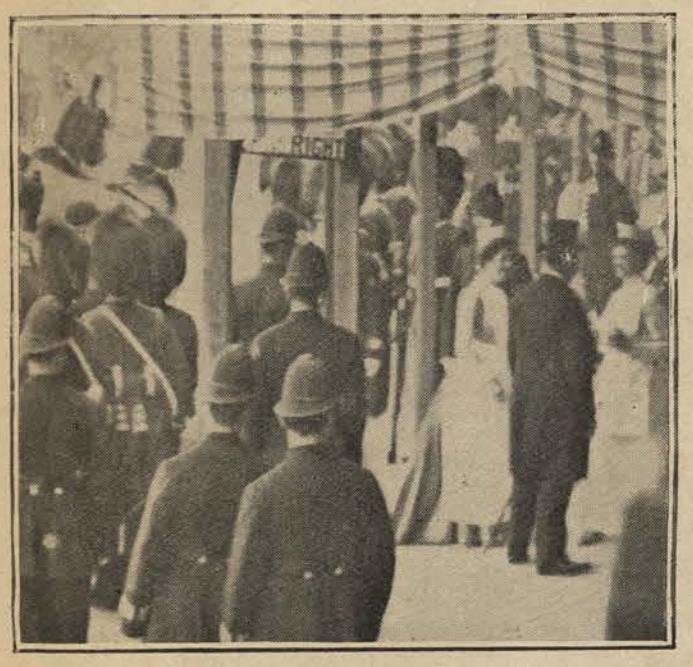

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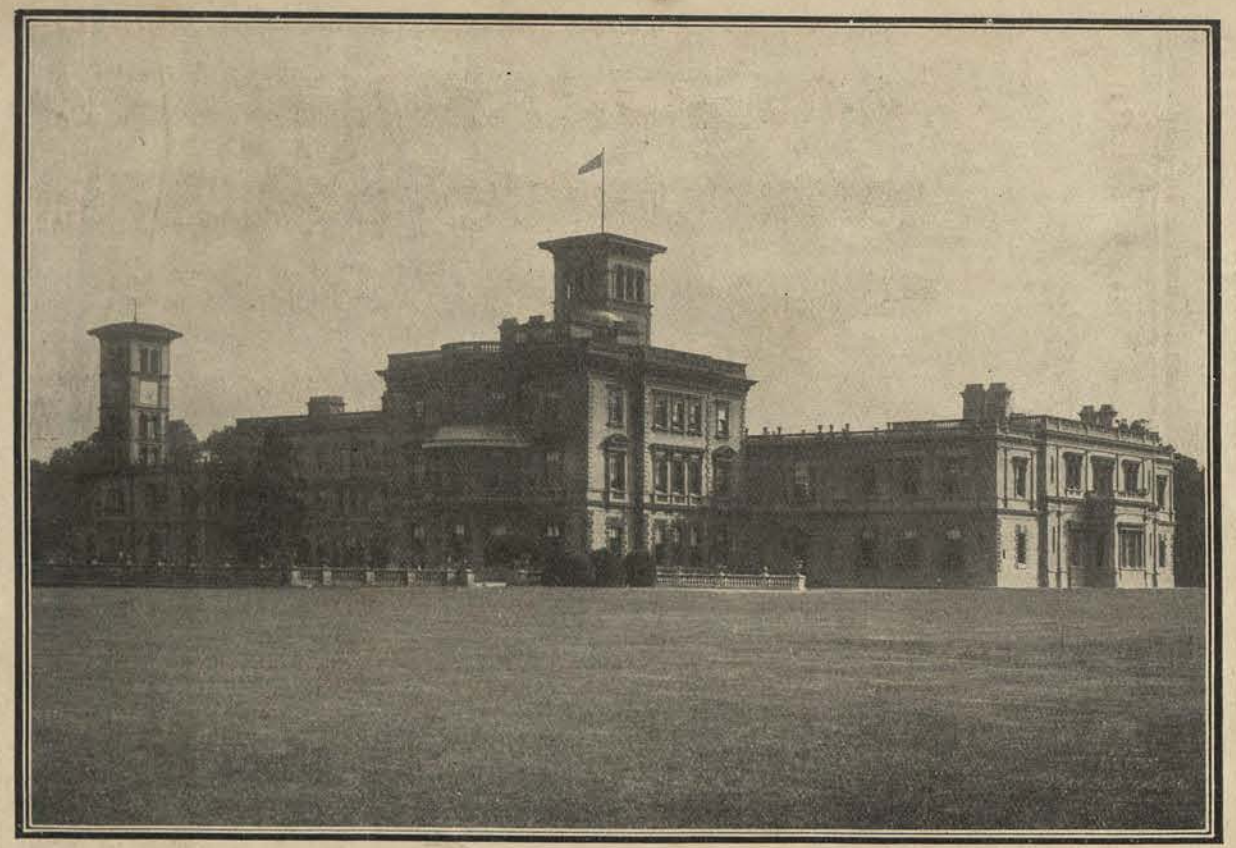

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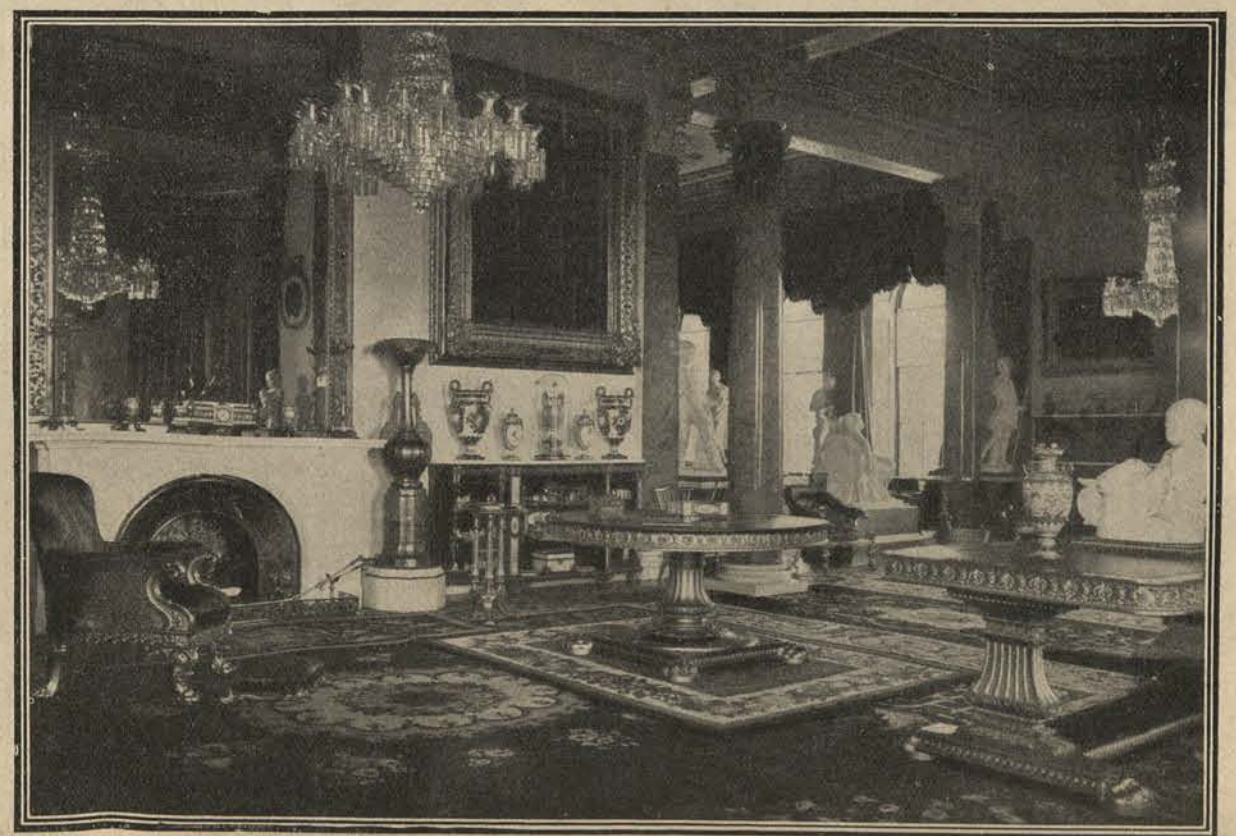

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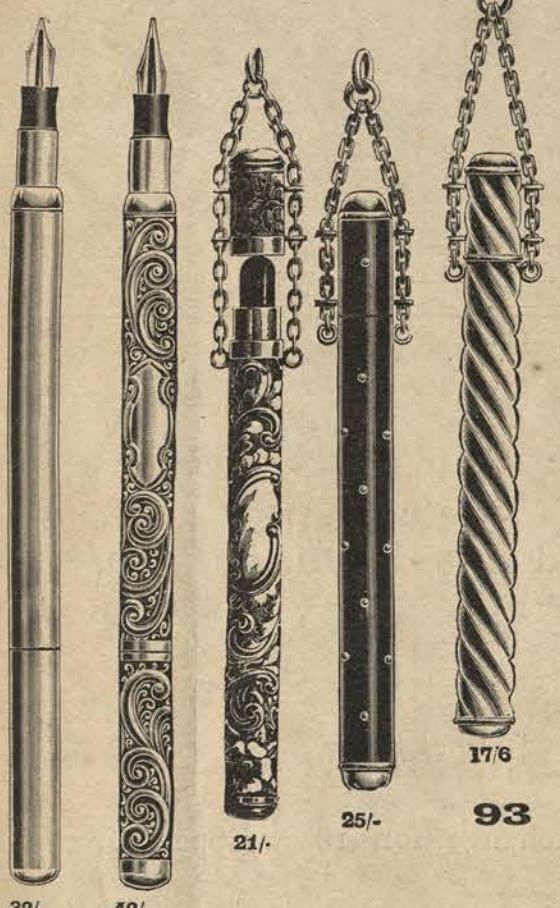

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AUTUMN HOLIDAYS.—With the excitement and anxiety attendant upon the Coronation at last passed, everybody, from his Majesty downwards, is turning his thoughts holidaywards. His Majesty, after a rest on board the *Victoria and Albert*, is to proceed to Balmoral, journeying as far as Aberdeen in the yacht. The presence of the King and Queen in Scotland will attract many people to the North. A great many are going abroad, however, to seek pleasures denied them during the wretched summer we have experienced in this country. For the convenience of those who are so minded, Dr. H. S. Lunn has organised a capital series of steamship and yachting cruises as well as admirably planned jaunts on the Continent. One of the most attractive of the series is a tour of the Northern capitals of Europe, a sixteen-guinea trip of twenty-three days' duration, in which are included visits to Copenhagen, Stockholm, and, by way of the Gulf of Finland, Cronstadt, St. Petersburg, Wisby (Gothland), the Kiel Canal and Amsterdam. The whole of the prospectus issued by Dr. Lunn for the autumn is an attractive one, and well worth studying.

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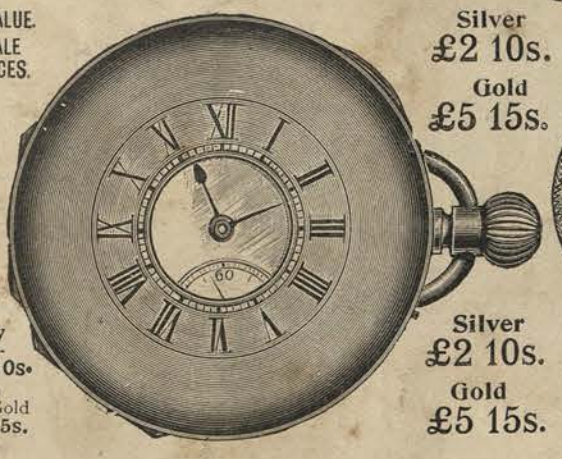
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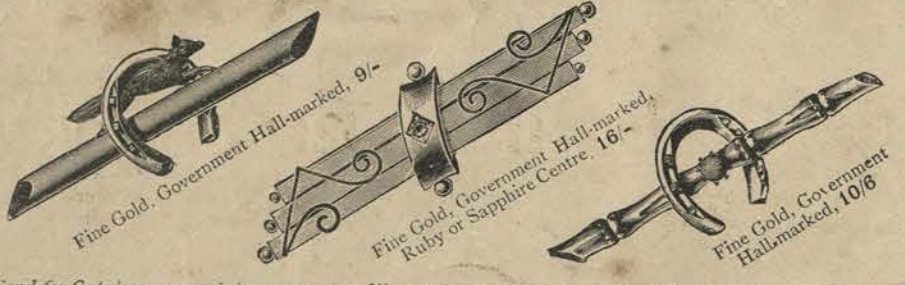
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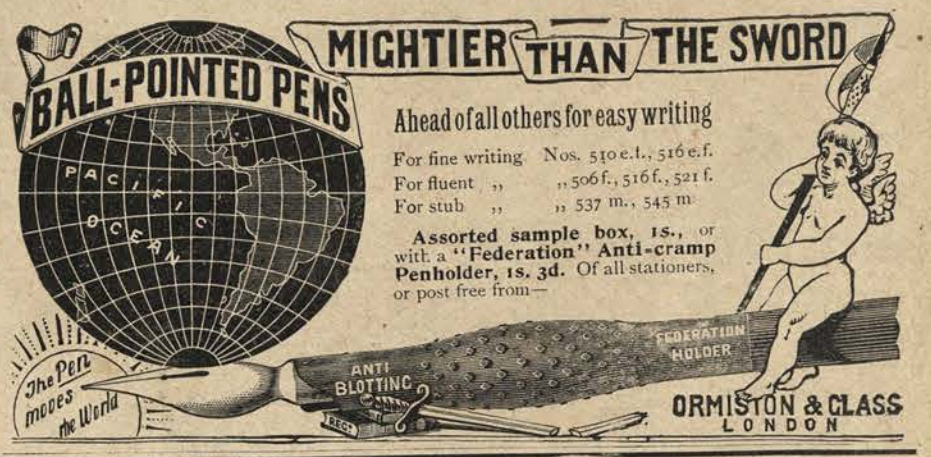
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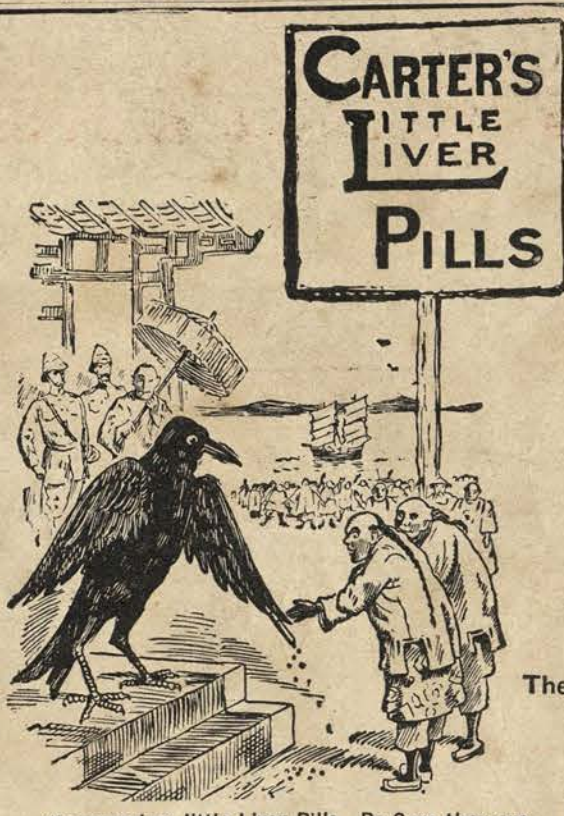

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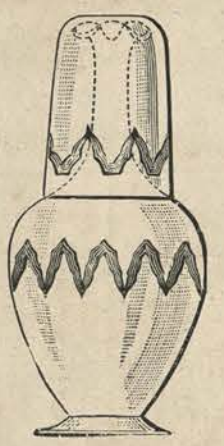

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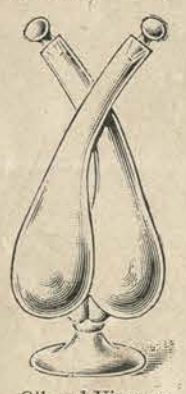

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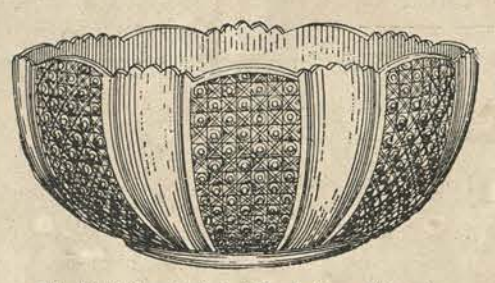

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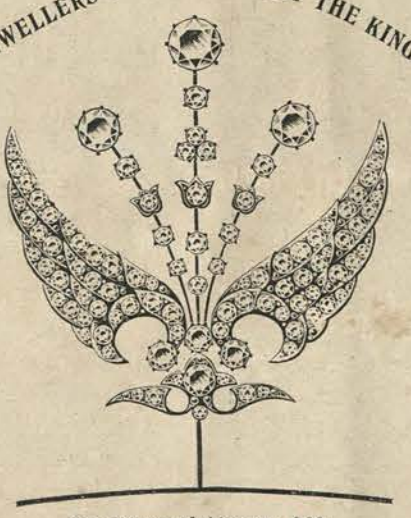

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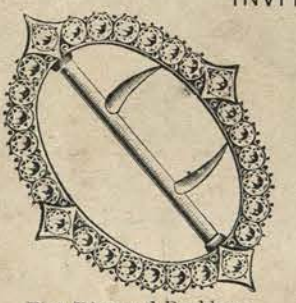

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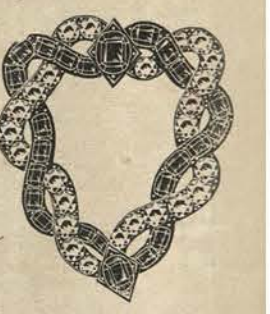

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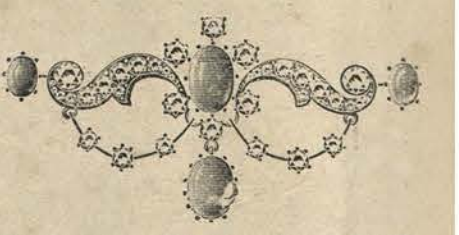

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THE INTHRONIZATION OF KING EDWARD VII. AND QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

DRAWN IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY, AUGUST 9, 1902, BY S. BEGG.

(See Editorial Notice overleaf.)

EDITORIAL NOTICE.

A certain number of pages in this issue bear the date "July 2," that being the day on which, had it not been for the King's sudden illness, the Coronation Number of "The Sketch" would have been published. Owing to the length of time required to print so elaborate a production as the present, it has been found expedient to retain this "sheet" in its original form. The Editor trusts that the exceptional circumstances of the case, combined with the literary and artistic interest attaching to these pages, will be found sufficient justification for the slight discrepancy.

The drawing, by S. Begg, on the front page of this issue, is taken from the large picture of the Inthronization, by the same artist, to be published to-morrow in the Panorama Number of the "Illustrated London News."

THE CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII. AND QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

THE CEREMONY IN THE ABBEY.

DESPITE the brilliance of the processions, the scenes of enthusiasm in the streets, the magnificence of the illuminations, the ceremony in the Abbey still remains the most interesting part of last Saturday's function. For here it was that the Church of England set the seal of her approval upon the Sovereign who was to reign over our Empire and to extend the influence of his personality over so many myriads of souls. It was to the scene in the Abbey, therefore, that the thoughts of the Empire turned on Coronation Day; it is the actual ceremony in the Abbey which, in the ages to come, will be most closely identified with the nation's acceptance of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra.

On such an occasion, the pencil of the artist speaks so much more readily than the pen of the writer that the merest outline of description is sufficient to act as a supplement to the pictorial record to be found in the Coronation Number of *The Sketch*. Briefly stated, then, the service opened with a few minutes of silent prayer. Then, facing westwards, the Archbishop of Canterbury uttered the words of Recognition, all those present replying in unison, "God Save King Edward." Next, a brilliant fanfare, executed by the State trumpeters, rang through the old Abbey, and, immediately afterwards, the soft tones of the great organ intimated that the celebration of the Holy Communion had begun. The Creed being terminated, the Archbishop of Canterbury administered the Coronation Oath. A prayer for blessing upon the new King followed, and then came the anointing with the unction.

Having been divested of his crimson robes by the Lord Great Chamberlain, the King took up his position in King Edward's chair, and Archbishop Temple, after pouring a portion of the consecrated oil into the ancient anointing-spoon, anointed King Edward on the head, breast, and palms of both his hands in the form of a cross. Then was His Majesty girded with the Sword of State and invested in the Imperial Mantle. The Orb was placed in his right hand, the Ring upon his fourth finger, and the Sceptres one in either hand. Finally, the Archbishop set the Crown upon the King's head, and the venerable walls of the Abbey rang from end to end with tumultuous cheers.

The anointing and crowning of the Queen by the Archbishop of York was of a much simpler character. When the new Crown, adorned with its eight beautiful arches and the Koh-i-noor diamond, was placed on her head, all the Peeresses raised their coronets to their own heads. The two Sceptres having been duly delivered into Queen Alexandra's hands, she was conducted to the theatre, followed by the Mistress of the Robes.

The remainder of the service was very little different from that of a choral celebration of the Holy Communion. The whole concluded with a magnificent rendering of Dr. Stanford's famous "Te Deum in B-Flat" and a part of the National Anthem.

THE PROCESSIONS TO AND FROM THE ABBEY.

It was on the stroke of half-past ten that the trumpeters of the Royal Horse Guards, heading the Imperial Procession, emerged, in slow order, from the gates of Buckingham Palace. At a quarter to eleven, the Prince and Princess of Wales, in their chariot, turned out from York Gate into the Mall. Their Royal Highnesses were greeted with a volume of cheering, which increased momentarily as the booming of the guns in Hyde Park announced the King's departure from the Palace for the Abbey. The crowds, in their enthusiasm at seeing their Sovereign again amongst them after his dangerous operation and illness, would not content themselves with cheers alone, but, in loyal masses, followed the Royal carriage down the length of the Mall. His Majesty, although looking a little pale and nervous, was evidently in good health, whilst the Queen never ceased to bow in all directions with her customary grace and charm.

The Duke of Cambridge, Princess Beatrice, the Duchess of Albany, Princess Louise, Prince and Princess Christian, the Duchess of Connaught—each in turn was recognised by the delighted crowd and welcomed in the full-hearted, lovable London manner. A great reception, too, was waiting for the stern-faced Lord Kitchener, the great little Lord Roberts, the brilliantly clad Indian cavalry, and the lean, tanned fighting-men from the Colonies.

The route of the Royal Procession on the return from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace was through the heart of Clubland—Pall Mall, St. James's Street, and Piccadilly. It is hardly necessary to say that the Clubs made the most of the occasion, whether as regards the beauty of their decorations or the enthusiasm of their welcome to the newly crowned King and Queen. It is interesting to note that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who witnessed the Coronation Procession of Queen Victoria in 1838, was a spectator, from her mansion in Piccadilly, of King Edward's Coronation Procession on Saturday last.

THE PEOPLE AND THE CORONATION.

It is a matter for sincere congratulation that Coronation Day was in no way marred by such scenes of silly buffoonery and noisy vulgarity as have lately threatened to overthrow the reputation of Londoners for dignity and good sense. The streets at night, converted into a veritable fairyland of brilliant illumination and artistic decoration, were filled with crowds of quiet-loving citizens, who were able to enjoy the display all the more for the absence of the hooligan element. After the experiences of Mafeking Night, Peace Night, and so forth, the contrast was so great as to lead one to hope that the many protests in the daily and weekly Press have not been altogether in vain.

Throughout the day, too, the conduct of the crowd was almost beyond reproach. Jostled, cramped, tired, as they undoubtedly were, the great masses of spectators, nevertheless, kept their temper admirably, and proved their loyalty by remaining, in many cases without food, in the same places from an early hour in the morning until after two o'clock.

One of the prettiest features of the occasion, and for which those who were privileged to witness it have to thank the kind hearts of the Prince and Princess of Wales, was the entertainment of foundlings and orphans in the delightful gardens of Marlborough House. It was indeed a charming sight, and one that will remain for many years in the memories of the few spectators, to see these little atoms on the tumbling waves of the world revelling to the full in the ecstasies of fresh air, an exciting event, and a generous supply of wholesome dainties. Surely, if the angels of God looked down upon the Coronation pageants of the King of England, their gaze must have rested in especial love on that idyllic spot where the innocents of this cold Babylon basked for awhile in the sun of tenderly solicitous Royalty.

THE CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII. AND QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

CONVEYING THE REGALIA THROUGH THE CLOISTERS INTO THE ABBEY.

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THE KING AND QUEEN ON THE WAY TO THE ABBEY.

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THE CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII. AND QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

THE INDIAN CAVALRY ESCORT RIDING IN THE PROCESSION.

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Lord Kitchener. Admiral Sir E. Seymour. Major-General Sir A. Gaselee.

LORD KITCHENER, ADMIRAL SIR E. SEYMOUR, AND MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ALFRED GASELEE PASSING UNDER THE CANADIAN ARCH.

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It is a curious point in connection with the Test Matches against Australia that, although England has been defeated in the two matches which have been finished, yet our cricketers have in many ways shown themselves the better men. In the four matches, each side has lost fifty-two wickets, the Australians for nine hundred and fifty runs and the Englishmen for twelve hundred runs. We have thus scored two hundred and fifty runs more than the Australians for the same number of wickets down; or, to put it in another way, England has averaged a trifle over twenty-three runs for each wicket, while the Australians have averaged only about eighteen and a-half for each wicket they have lost. It shows what an extraordinarily uncertain game cricket is that, in these circumstances, England should have lost two matches and drawn two out of the four played. Such cricket is worthy of better fortune.

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CORONATION SMALL TALK.

The American Ambassadress.

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MRS. CHOATE, WIFE OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

Photograph by Lafayette, London and Dublin.

Lord and Lady Carew are among the most popular members of their order in Ireland. They are in no sense absentee landowners; indeed, Lord Carew loves to spend a few months at his beautiful Irish home, Castle Boro, where he and Lady Carew entertain large parties of English friends each summer and autumn. Lady Carew was, before her marriage, Miss Julia Lethbridge, one of the most popular girls in London Society. Both she and her sister, Mrs. Clifford Cory, are exceptionally accomplished, the one being as famed for her exquisite skill with the needle as is the other for her lovely voice. Lady Carew is certainly the best embroideress and needle tapestry-worker in Society, and in Lord Carew's town house are many fine examples of her mastery of this almost forgotten art.

The Countess of Albemarle is the only child of Lord Egerton of Tatton, and will become in course of time one of the wealthiest women in Society. Though her marriage took place twenty-one years ago, and though she is the mother of six children, she has retained a great youthfulness of appearance, while even her friends find it hard to believe that she is the mother of stalwart Lord Bury, who will celebrate his coming of age next February. Lord and Lady Albemarle have always been much liked at Court, and the King stood sponsor in person to their youngest son, who is now four years old. Lady Albemarle is the mistress of one of the most charming places in Norfolk—Quidenham Park, Attleborough.

The Marchioness of Ormonde.

The beautiful mistress of Kilkenny Castle is one of the youngest-looking grandmothers in Society; and even now it would be wrong to say that she is really any older-looking than her married daughter, Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew. Lord Ormonde, as Chief Butler of Ireland, is one of those Peers who have a right to figure in the Coronation Procession of the Sovereign. Lady Ormonde is in a sense connected with the Royal Family, for her youngest sister, Lady Margaret Grosvenor, became the wife some years ago of the present Duke of Teck.

Lady Churchill.

Lord and Lady Churchill are among the few Princes and Princesses of the Holy Roman Empire who can claim to have a right to be present at a British Coronation, but they are, of course, both thoroughly English, Lord Churchill having been one of the late Sovereign's favourite godsons and pages, while Lady Churchill is a sister of Lord Lonsdale. In a peculiar sense, this branch of the Spencer family has always been much esteemed at Court, and at the present time Lady Churchill's second son, Victor Alexander, is one of the King's pages. It will be remembered that Lord Churchill's mother, who was for so many years Queen Victoria's devoted friend and faithful servant, predeceased the late Sovereign by only a few days.

Lord and Lady Tankerville are great Northumberland worthies, and the latter, once Miss Leonora Van Marter, is one of the many fair Americans who have become British by marriage, and whose presence at the Coronation may truly be said to be of interest to the whole English-speaking world. Lord Tankerville completed his half-century of life last March, but, as he succeeded his father only three years ago, he is still better-known under his old name of Lord Ossulston. The Earl, who is a keen sportsman and agriculturist, is the fortunate possessor of Chillingham Castle, one of the historic stately homes of England. He and his beautiful American Countess—descended, by the way, from one of the old Knickerbocker families of New York—have three children, of whom the second, a son and heir, is just five years old.

Lady Aberdare comes of a family famed for the beauty of its daughters, for she was before her marriage Miss Constance Beckett, her mother having been the daughter and co-heiress of the last Lord Lyndhurst. Lady Aberdare is devoted to her Welsh home, Duffryn, Mountain Ash, Glamorganshire. Of her seven children, the eldest, Mr. Henry Lyndhurst Bruce, will come of age next year; the youngest, Victor Austin, is five.

The Countess of Dundonald.

Lady Dundonald, who celebrates her Silver Wedding next year, was at the time of her marriage to the famous soldier whose name she bears one of the greatest of British heiresses, for she was the only surviving daughter of Mr. Bamford Hesketh, of Gwyrch Castle, County Denbigh. Lady Dundonald must have gone through many anxious moments during the course of the South African War, for Lord Dundonald was again and again exposed to the most serious danger, notably during the dark days which preceded the Relief of Ladysmith. Lady Dundonald is a devoted mother of two sons and three daughters. The three Ladies Cochrane are noted for their beauty, and the eldest, Lady Grizel, is one of the prettiest girls now in Society. When not in

VISCOUNT TORRINGTON,
One of the King's Pages of Honour at the Coronation.
Photograph by Will Cadby.

town, Lady Dundonald lives at her Welsh seat, Gwyrch Castle, which is close to the flourishing town of Abergele. It is probable that Lord Dundonald and his family will spend the next few years in Canada, where he has just taken over an important military post.

Lady Coleridge. Lady Coleridge is one of the few Peeresses who are daughters of clergymen. Her father was the late Bishop of Oxford, and she was brought up in a very clerical atmosphere. Curiously enough, Lord Coleridge's seat has for name The Chanter's House, Ottery St. Mary. Lady Coleridge shares her title with Amy, Lady Coleridge, the widow of the famous lawyer and step-mother to the present Peer.

A Page of Honour. Lord Torrington, one of the King's Pages of Honour, will be eighteen next month. He is descended from the famous Admiral Byng, and is now head of the family, for he had the misfortune to lose his father when he was only three years old. Queen Victoria took a friendly interest in the orphan Peer, and she appointed him one of her pages two years before her death. Lord Torrington is, therefore, intimately known to his Sovereign; he has much courtly grace of manner and performs his duties exceptionally well.

THE EARL OF PORTARLINGTON,
One of the King's Pages of Honour at the Coronation.
Photograph by Lafayette, London and Dublin.

The Earl of Portarlington. Lord Portarlington, the head of the family of Dawson-Damer, succeeded his father only two years ago, and of the group of youthful Peers selected to be His Majesty's train-bearers at the Coronation the Earl was thought by some people to be the best-looking, the more so that he has all the Irish charm of manner. Lord Portarlington, who will celebrate his coming of age in two years, has two fine places. The one is Came House, near Dorchester, while the other is the curiously named Emo Park, which is close to Portarlington, the town from which he takes his title. The young Peer's mother, Emma, Lady Portarlington, married last autumn the Hon. Henry Berkeley Portman.

A Ducal Train-Bearer. The Duke of Leinster, who came back from Australia to take his place as one of the Sovereign's train-bearers at the Coronation ceremony, can, perhaps, claim to be the best-looking of the little group which composes the modern wearers of the strawberry-leaves. He inherits good looks from his lovely mother, one of Lord Feversham's beautiful daughters, and, in spite of the fact that he lost both of his parents so early and in such a tragic way, he and his young brother have had a happy boyhood and youth, thanks greatly to the devotion and care of their uncles. The head of the FitzGerald family is not only Duke of Leinster, he is Marquis of Kildare, Earl of Offaly, and premier Duke, Marquis, and Earl of Ireland. He succeeded his father nine years ago. Kilkea Castle, his beautiful home and birthplace, is one of the stately homes of Ireland, and the young Duke is never happier than when spending a few days there among his own people. From many points of view, he is one of the most interesting of the youthful Peers.

THE DUKE OF LEINSTER, ONE OF THE KING'S TRAIN-BEARERS.
Photographs by Lafayette, London and Dublin.

Lord Hampden is among the most vigorous and popular of King Edward's contemporaries, and during his sixty-one years of life he has served his country in many capacities, particularly successful having been his Governorship of New South Wales. Lord Hampden, who has always been a keen politician—he represented Herts from 1868 to 1873—has been exceptionally fortunate in his second wife, for the present Viscountess takes a most enthusiastic interest in her distinguished husband's career. As a bride, she is said to have literally sung him into Parliament, for her beautiful singing was one of the great attractions of his meetings in what proved to be his future constituency. Lord Hampden's son and heir, now Major Brand, married, three years ago, Lady Katharine Scott, a daughter of the Duke of Buccleuch, and their little son was born during his father's absence at the Seat of War.

Lord Knutsford. Lord Knutsford might, perhaps, claim, were he so minded, to be the most distinguished of our Viscounts. He has had a long official career, and at the present time he occupies the agreeable position of Trustee to the National Portrait Gallery. Lord Knutsford was twelve years old when Queen Victoria was crowned, but he bears about him few signs of age, and he and Lady Knutsford, a daughter of Sir Charles Trevelyan, are the fortunate owners of one of the most delightful of Surrey country seats, namely, Pine Wood, Witley.

The Kaiser's Sons. The German Emperor has suddenly awakened to the fact that of all the many palaces, castles, and other Royal residences in and near Berlin, Charlottenburg, and Potsdam, but few are in such a satisfactory state as to be suitable for the accommodation of his various sons as they in turn grow up and come of age (writes the Berlin Correspondent of *The Sketch*). It will be remembered that His Majesty's third son, Prince Adalbert of Prussia, came of age last July (on the 14th), having on that day reached the age of eighteen. Like his eldest brother, the Crown Prince, he, too, will need his own private residence. The question now at issue is, where shall he live? This question seems to have

PEERS OF THE REALM IN CORONATION ROBES.

THE EARL OF TANKERVILLE.

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LORD CAREW.

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VISCOUNT KNUTSFORD.

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VISCOUNT HAMPDEN.

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been fairly satisfactorily solved by the death of the late Prince George, who used to occupy the Palace in the Wilhelmstrasse. This residence, however, proves to be in but poor repair. It is fairly certain, therefore, that the building, together with its adjoining dwellings, will be pulled down to make room for a fitting princely palace. The situation is most certainly eminently adapted for Prince Adalbert's house. It is quite close to the Thiergarten and is only a stone's throw from the Unter den Linden. The latter street, by the way, is becoming daily more and more beautiful.

The Kaiser at Reval. The one topic of conversation just at this juncture in Berlin is the German Emperor's visit to the town of Reval. Pictures of this picturesque town of Finland are in all the illustrated papers, especially those portions of the town called "Alt-Reval." Old Reval consists of narrow, tortuous streets, turreted towers, and old-fashioned houses. It is an important town from the commercial aspect, and possesses no less than fifty-three thousand inhabitants, many of whom are foreigners, and twenty-five at least of whom are Germans. It boasts fourteen churches—seven Protestant, six Greek, and one Roman Catholic.

Prince Henry of Prussia. Prince Henry of Prussia has been distinguishing himself of late by saving a balloonist's life. Herr Strohschneider, an aëronaut, had ascended a considerable height off Kiel, when all at once his balloon burst and he was thrown headlong into the water in the harbour. Prince Henry, with his usual promptitude, immediately gave orders to send out a pinnace, and himself superintended the rescue.

THE RIGHT HON. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., THE NEW POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Photograph by the London Stereoscopic Company, Regent Street, W.

A Distinguished House-Party. Taplow Court, the beautiful riverside residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grenfell, has been the scene of many brilliant functions in its day, and this has been especially the case of late. Here the Colonial Premiers have been splendidly entertained, and on July 26 a most distinguished party of visitors gathered together for the week-end, including Viscount Kitchener and Mr. Austen Chamberlain. Mrs. Grenfell is one of the most charming and popular women in Society, while her husband is well known as a fine athlete, politician, and traveller. As a Harrow boy he was noted for his prowess at cricket, and at Oxford he was President both of the Athletic and Boat Clubs. He rowed also in the winning boat in the Inter-'Varsity race; and since, as a mountaineer, swimmer, Special Correspondent, Member of Parliament, and Mayor of Maidenhead, he has had a sufficiently diversified career. Mrs. Grenfell, the daughter of the Hon. Julian and Lady Adine Fane, was one of the loveliest débutantes of the late 'eighties, and her marriage to Mr. Grenfell took place just fifteen years ago. When not at her riverside home, she entertains in a stately mansion in St. James's Square.

Foreign Vessels at Spithead. In spite of the postponement and the fact that the Admiralty felt it impossible again to invite the attendance of foreign vessels at the great Coronation Review, quite a number of the Powers will be represented at Spithead on Saturday, though the total will, of course, fall short of the twenty acceptances for the 26th of June. Our latest allies from the Land of the Chrysanthemum, who are doing everything in their power to show their friendliness, have already sent their cruisers *Asama* and *Takasago* from Antwerp, under Admiral Ijuin; and our old friend Portugal, a man-of-war. The attendance of the giant American battleship *Illinois* is prevented by the unfortunate accident which confines her in dock in the Medway, but Admiral Crowninshield—an appropriate name at the moment—will fly his flag either on the *San Francisco* or the *Chicago*. Germany will also show her flag, probably on the *Kaiser Friedrich III.*, under the command of Prince Henry of Prussia.

The Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, M.P. The three appointments in the reconstructed Ministry which were announced on Friday afternoon in the House of Commons created a great deal of interest. Although it was generally believed that Mr. Austen Chamberlain would succeed Mr. Gerald Balfour at the Board of Trade, no surprise was expressed that he should have been appointed Postmaster-General, in view of his connection with the Treasury. Mr. Austen Chamberlain will have a seat in the Cabinet, so that the rare spectacle will be furnished of both father and son having Cabinet rank at the same time. The two other appointments are that of Sir William Walrond to the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster and of Mr. H. W. Forster to the Secretaryship of the Treasury.

Lord Castlereagh. Lord Kitchener. Mrs. Rupert Becket. Mr. Austen Chamberlain. Captain Holford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Menzies. Mrs. Grenfell. Mr. Grenfell. Miss Wilson.

A DISTINGUISHED CORONATION HOUSE-PARTY AT TAPLOW COURT.

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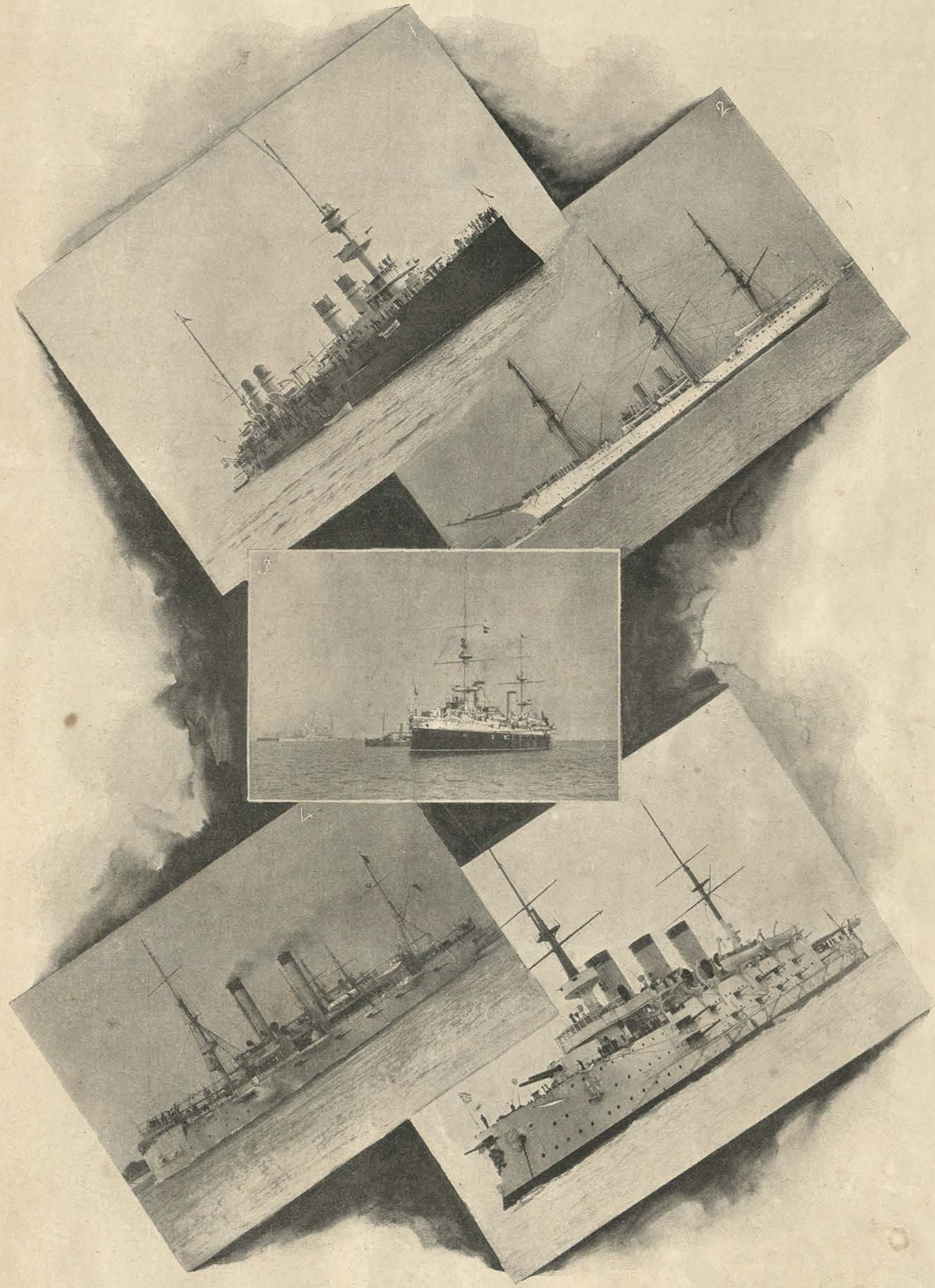
SOME OF OUR VISITORS AT SPITHEAD.



1. "MONTCALM" (FRANCE). 2. "PRESIDENTE SARMIENTO" (ARGENTINE). 3. "CARLO ALBERTO" (ITALY).
4. "CHICAGO" (AMERICA). 5. "POLEGDO" (RUSSIA).

Photographs by Stephen Cribb, Southsea.

The Prime Minister. The Session has not ended well for the new Prime Minister. His majority has been reduced by the falling away of Mr. Cathcart Wason and the loss of the seat for North Leeds, and his prestige has been somewhat affected by the failure of the new rules to accelerate business. It can scarcely be said to be his fault that there was so prolonged a wrangle over the management of denominational schools, although a settlement would have been greatly to his credit. In a new Session, with a reconstructed Cabinet and with a programme of his own, Mr. Balfour may grow in authority and fame. On the golf-course he will think out his plans and acquire health of body and mind. Meantime, his personal popularity in Parliament is unabated.

The Opposition Leaders. So far as the front Opposition bench is concerned, the Session has ended just as it began. There is a truce between the two sections. They agree when they can, but points of difference have not disappeared. Mr. Asquith and Sir Henry Fowler have withdrawn, almost ostentatiously, from the counsels of "C.-B.," and the Leader's chief friends and admirers have been Sir William Harcourt and Mr. Bryce. Mr. Morley has emerged now and again from his study to take a part in Parliamentary controversy, and his influence on the front Liberal bench has apparently grown during the Session. Most progress has been made by Mr. Bryce, as he has been always on the scene and always ready to fight.

Labour Members. A new Labour Member, Mr. Shackleton, has taken his seat in the House of Commons as representative of the Clitheroe Division of Lancashire. Fully six feet high, and stout in proportion, with plump, frank face, he is a credit to Labour. Probably his position in Parliament will resemble that of Mr. Richard Bell, the railway servants' spokesman, who is independent of Party but who acts with the Liberals.

The King's Kindliness. General de Galliffet's Memoirs have thrown some interesting side-lights on His Majesty's tact and invariable kindliness, so that one can easily realise why "the Prince" was so popular in France. A story not so well known is that of the King and the Life-boat man. When His Majesty visited the Scilly Isles in the spring of this year, he took a trip in Mr. Smith-Dorrien's steam-launch, and the Lord of the Isles told him of a most gallant act performed by the coxswain of the St. Mary's life boat, in attempting to reach a sinking Italian barque on a terrible night amid the most dangerous rocks of the Isles. Just as Mr. Smith-Dorrien finished his tale, the hero of it happened to pass in his own boat, and was pointed out to His Majesty, who immediately doffed his cap and bowed to the gallant seaman, whose astonishment and gratification at such a mark of esteem from his Sovereign may be imagined.

Illuminations of the Illustrious. Those great nobles who possess splendid town mansions were not behindhand in proving their loyalty by means of splendid and tasteful illuminations. At Apsley House, the entire balcony was outlined with gas-jets, which are now proved to be far more effective than electric light. The motto, "God Bless our King and Queen," was surmounted by a large Crown; but some of the sightseers in the crowd were somewhat puzzled to discover the signification of the first of the two dates "1863 and 1902." Of course, it refers to the marriage of their Majesties, which took place, incredible as it now seems, close on forty years ago. The Duke and Duchess of Somerset and the Duchess of Roxburghe and her son took especial pains over the illumination of their town houses. Devonshire House, not a very easy mass of buildings to decorate in an effective manner, on this occasion beat its own record, and this although it was one of the most beautifully decorated houses in Piccadilly on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee. The Royal Arms, as most people are aware, make a specially effective illuminated device. This was evidently the opinion of the Duke of Portland, for the brilliant representation of the Royal Arms which shone on the just and on the unjust was one of the finest and largest devices of the kind in London.

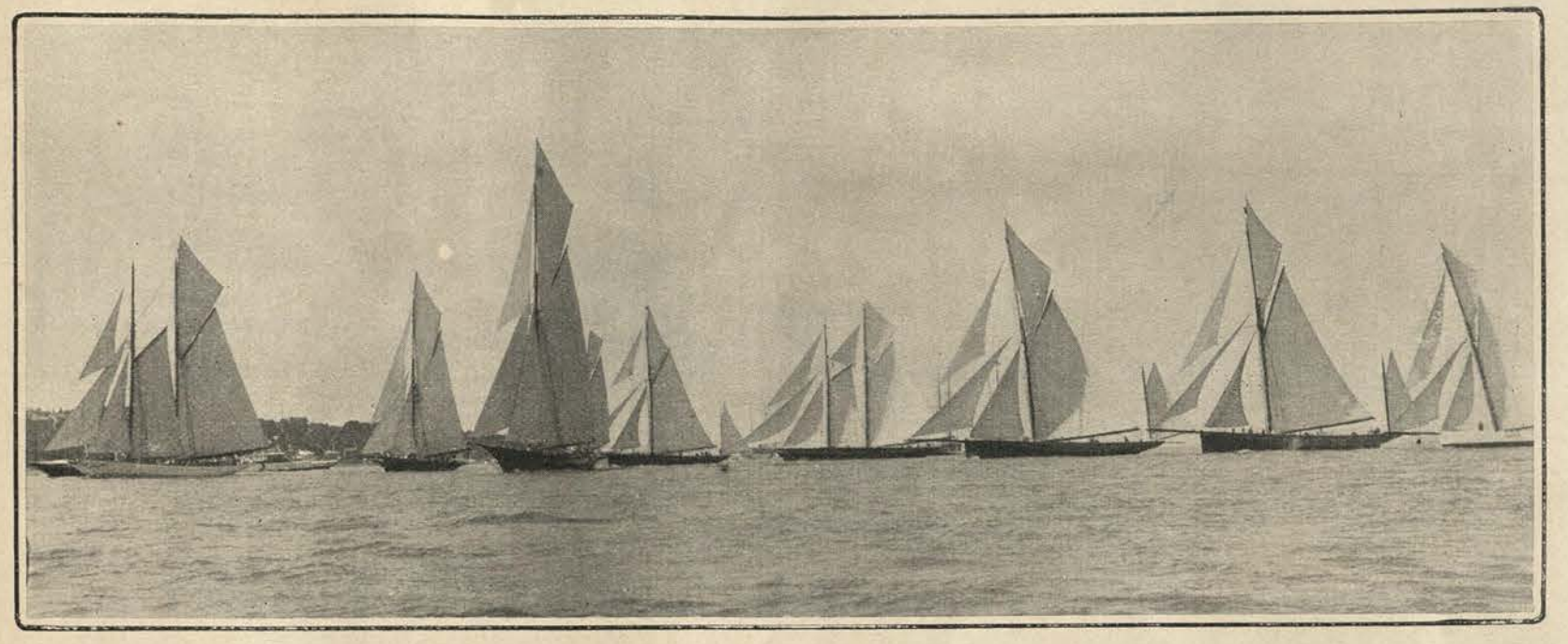
GENERAL VIEW OF THE NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, WESTMINSTER.

Photograph by J. P. Coughlan.

The Earl Marshal. The Duke of Norfolk, to whom the whole country—or rather, the whole Empire—owes a true debt of gratitude, was, no doubt, heartily glad when his labours came to a satisfactory conclusion. By a curious irony of fate, it fell to the man who was the most popular Postmaster-General of our day to receive more letters than have ever been addressed to any one human being in the course of a single year. It is seriously computed that his Grace glanced over no less than five million epistles during the twelve months that he was engaged in preparing for the Coronation.

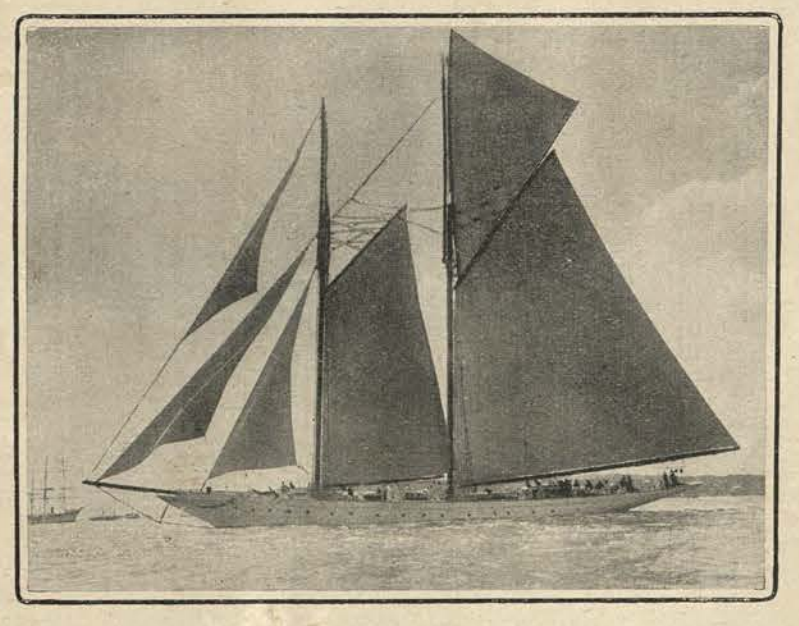
The Cathedral at Westminster. The building of the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Westminster is now nearly finished, though, of course, no date has yet been arranged for its consecration, which will not take place till the total cost has been paid. The Campanile is now the only erection of its kind since the famous Venetian structure has fallen. The Cathedral authorities are erecting the main building, but are leaving many of the side altars and interior decorations to private enterprise.

THE CORONATION SEASON AND COWES REGATTA.



THE START FOR THE KING'S CUP: "METEOR" LEADING.

The King at Cowes. When the mainland was complaining of wretched weather and inclement summer, the Isle of Wight was enjoying, on the whole, beautiful weather. Not, perhaps, the usual splendour of August in the Solent, but a sun which made living out of doors a necessity, tempered by breezes which made life on the water or by the shady shore absolutely perfect. The King's yacht has, of course, been the centre of attraction, and the cruisers and battleships which have assembled for the great Naval Review next Saturday have gained the admiration of the holiday crowds. Even when Queen Victoria was at Osborne the island was never so crowded; in fact, this year, ever since the last week in July, not a bedroom within reach of Cowes or Ryde has been procurable. Not only the big towns and the well-known seaside resorts, such as Sea View, have been full, but also such out-of-the-way and little-known places as St. Helens have been crammed to their utmost capacity. Everyone is looking forward to next Monday, when the King is to anchor off St. Helens and to pass the Fleet in review before him. This grand spectacle has attracted such a crowd to the east end of the island as it has never known before.



THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S NEW YACHT "METEOR," WINNER OF THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON PRIZE.

King's Weather. The King was remarkably fortunate in the weather during his convalescence, for, when the rest of England was enveloped in clouds, the Solent was bathed in sunshine. From the island, the mainland appeared on more than one occasion to be plotted out behind a livid purple pall of thunder-clouds, while the shores of the Isle of Wight were bright with the sunshine which poured over the edge of the great storm-cloud. In the early part of June, it began to be said that the King had not Queen Victoria's luck in the matter of weather, and that the Coronation Day would be soaking wet. The end of June, however, was magnificent, and, though the King was unlucky, it was not in the weather. Off Cowes, he has enjoyed more sunshine than he would have found in any other part of England, and those who followed his example and crossed over to the Isle of Wight have been congratulating themselves on his good-fortune.

It is not long since the tiny frigate which was a feature of Virginia Water was removed. Now, "Fort Belvedere," in the same neighbourhood, has lost its status as a saluting station, its guns having been pronounced dangerous.

THE LAWN OF THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON CLUB.

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CORONATION GOSSIP ON THE BOULEVARDS.

Paris and the Coronation.

It is not idle to say that France joins with England in her Coronation rejoicings (writes the Paris Correspondent of *The Sketch*). Not only does the Frenchman meet with effusion his English friends, but splendid bouquets in red, white, and blue have been sent to English hostesses and bonbons for the children. Since the dark days of June, France has watched by the King's bedside with sympathy. There was not the smallest anecdote of a pretty character or an expression from the lips of the members of the Royal Family that was not cabled over. There seemed to be something more in "the King of Paris" than one suspected. The French doctors never took a gloomy view of the case, so enormous is their respect for Lord Lister, and the day that his name ceased to appear on the bulletins the King's cure was regarded as an accomplished fact.

It may be said that the late Queen Victoria appealed to the French nation by her simplicity of life, and those winters in the South made her as dear to the peasantry as she was to her Scottish tenantry. The day of the King's Accession to the Throne, and when it was hinted that he would revive all the glories of the Court of St. James, they absolutely shared in the expected splendours with the English. From every point of reasoning, the King is bound to be the most popular monarch with the French. The Czar they have seen only officially, the German Emperor never; the King of the Belgians is always a welcome guest who may come two or three times a month; George of Greece is saddened to an extent since the Turkish War and hides, and the bulk of the exotic monarchs are jokes for the *revues*.

The Parisians regard His Majesty as one of the asphalte of the Boulevards. He has endeared himself to them from every assailable point in the Lutetian heart. Their artistes are their glories as in no other Capital. They accepted the homage he paid to their art in their London visits as a distinct honour to France. He had—and that is popularity in itself—the reputation of being the only foreign Prince who could order a Parisian dinner; his cigars were famous; and, above all, he had the reputation of being a fine conversationalist with a brilliant wit. These points will be appreciated by those who know the Parisian, and those who know the Parisian are aware of the strange by-paths to be followed to appeal to him. Great as was the King's popularity throughout his connection with France, it has been during the last few years in a somewhat vicarious fashion. When France went cycling mad and it was rumoured that His Majesty took occasional spins, he became the patron saint of the wheel; his automobile used to get a special paragraph a-day, and every incident of his trips round Windsor was recorded. Since the War ended—and in France he has the entire credit—he has paralysed the Anglophobe Press. I am afraid the King's doctors will have to use judgment in the selection of French journals for his perusal, otherwise he will be killed by kindness. From end to end of France, every hot spring, every cold spring, every northerly exposed seaside town, side by side with the broiling South, claims that there, and there alone, will be a permanent cure effected. One goes so far as, "No cure, no pay."

There is a good deal of conjecture as to how the King will visit Paris. The Embassy suggests itself, but, except for its garden, it is a gloomy building and one that Queen Victoria could never support. As to the Riviera, the hôteliers speak of a winter visit only in a whisper. It seems, after recent disastrous times, too much to be hoped for.

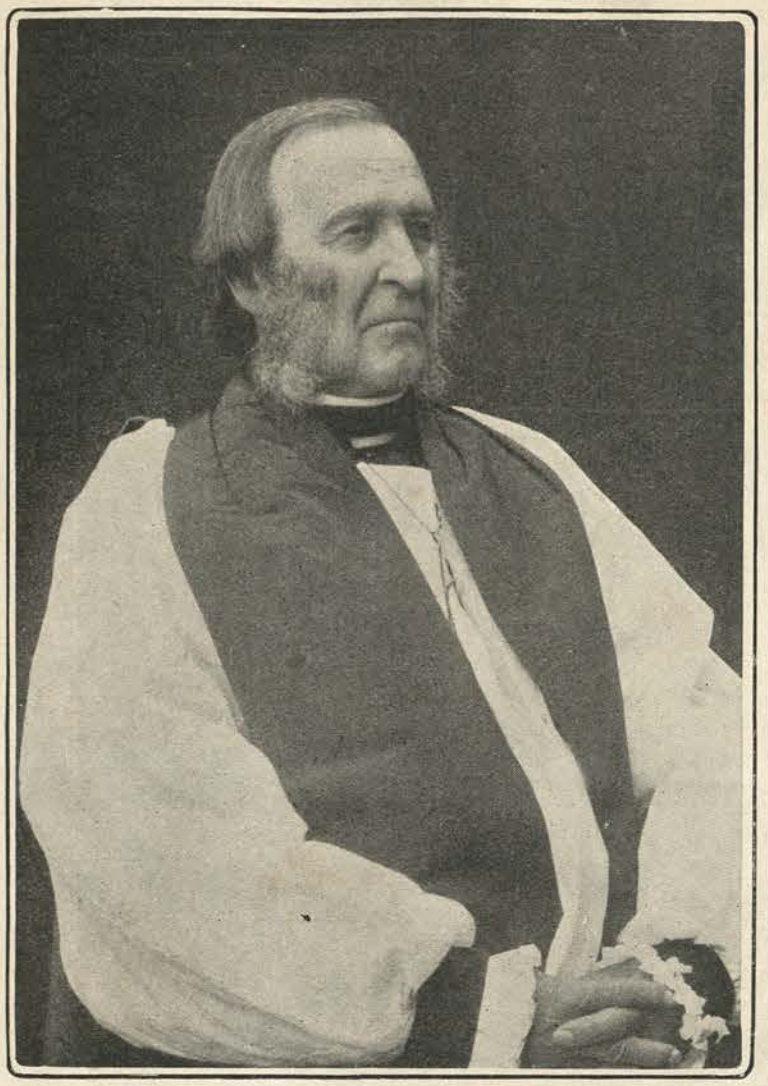
IN THE "PALAIS DU COSTUME," AT THE EARL'S COURT EXHIBITION.

Coronation Visitor: *I hope I'll never make such a fright of myself!*

Few people knew that in a quiet way the Queen had her little Court in Paris. Her first visit was inevitably to Madame Benjamin-Constant, who was her most intimate friend, and they would spend the entire day together, lunching in a quiet restaurant and taking tea in the Bois. Although Her Majesty is little known in Paris, except to such friends as Madame Constant, there is one spot where she does reign, and that is at Chantilly. By hazard, she heard that one of the lads formerly employed at Sandringham was lying ill in a garret in a fifth-rate quarter of the city. She absolutely persisted in going to the house, cheered the boy up, smoothed his pillow, and saw that money should not be wanting. The lad took the story back to Chantilly, and there is no foregathering at the great French racing centre where Queen "Alexander's" health does not come first in the list.

The Duke of Cambridge is at home everywhere, particularly on the Riviera, where he is regarded as the grand old English aristocrat. As he walks up and down the Promenade des Anglais, with his short, alert step, and emphatic tap with his cane, he is always received with profound respect. The Duke of Connaught owes much of his popularity to a very simple incident, and one to which at the time he attributed no importance. He was at the Manœuvres four years ago, and left the Officers' Mess to go round and taste the men's soup, laughingly apologising for having deprived them of a teaspoonful and assuring them that it was so good he could have eaten the lot. He then had the haversack strapped on, and, shouldering the Lebel rifle, did a hundred yards' paces. On the following week the incident was sympathetically immortalised in flaming colours in the supplements of the *Petit Journal* and the *Petit Parisien*. The glories of French mothers in the Marbeuf Quarter are the Prince of Wales's children. Their clothes are the model for the wealthy, even too much so, for a Frenchman recently pointed out that, picturesque as was the naval suit, there was a limit, and he did not see why all French children wore caps with "H.M.S. *Trafalgar*," and so on.

THE CHURCH AND THE CORONATION.



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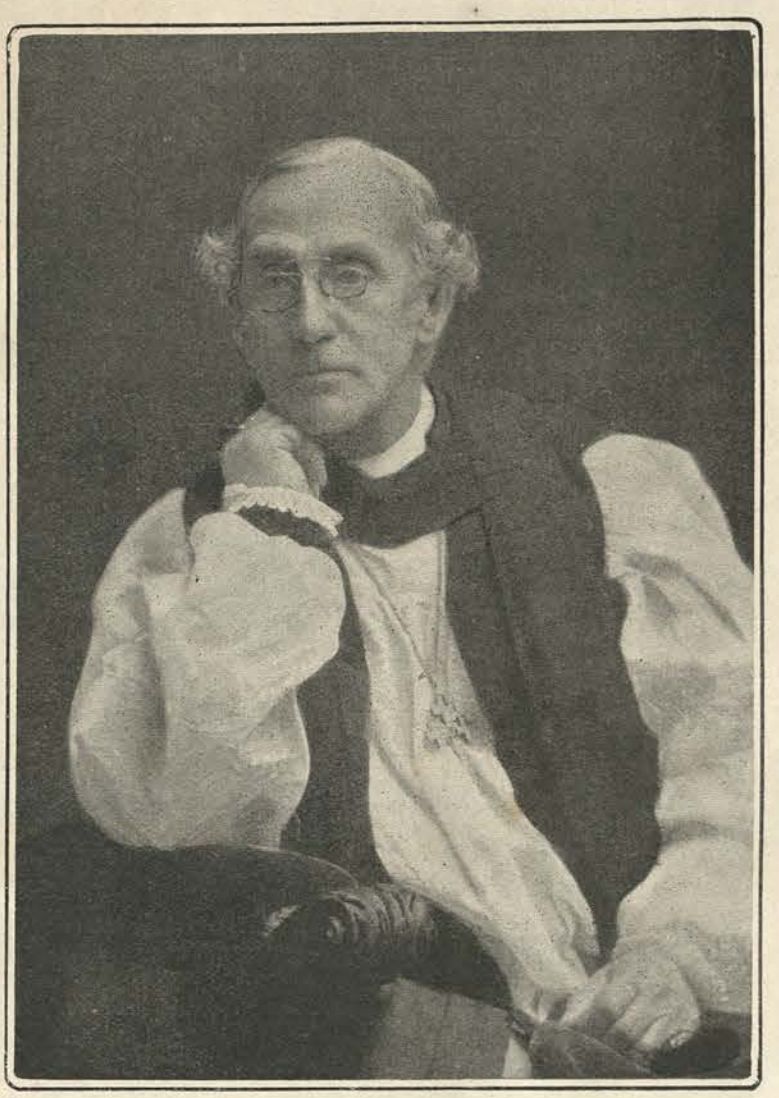

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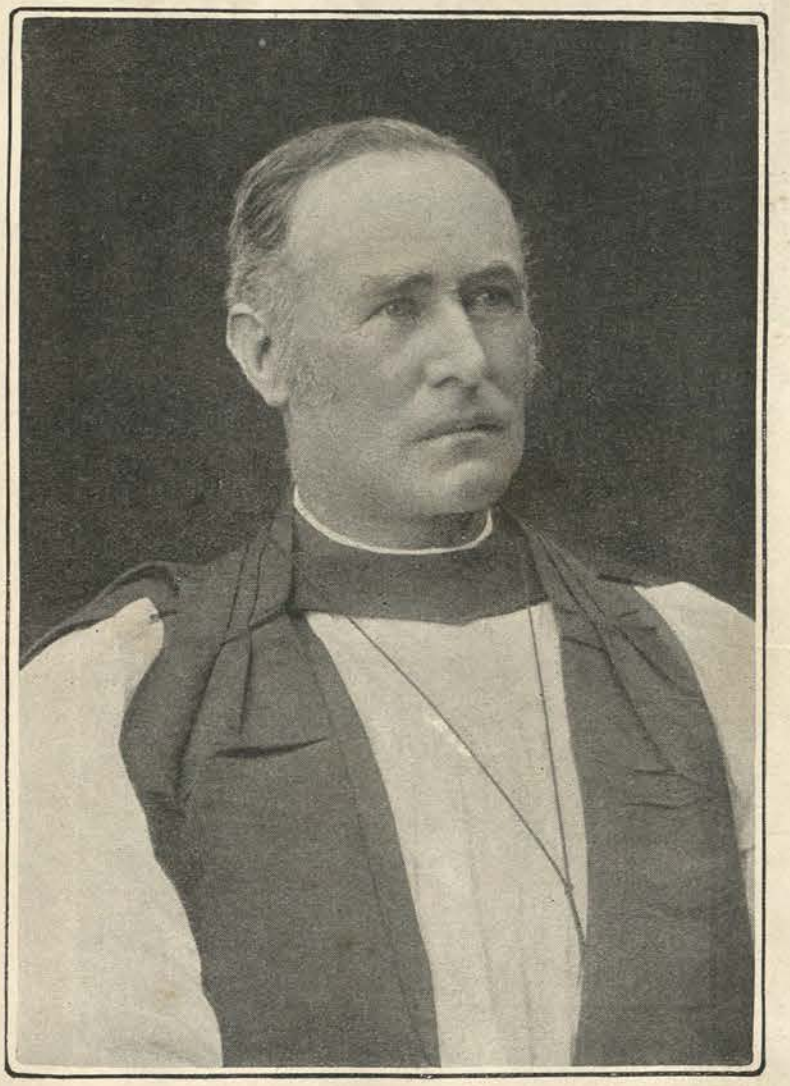
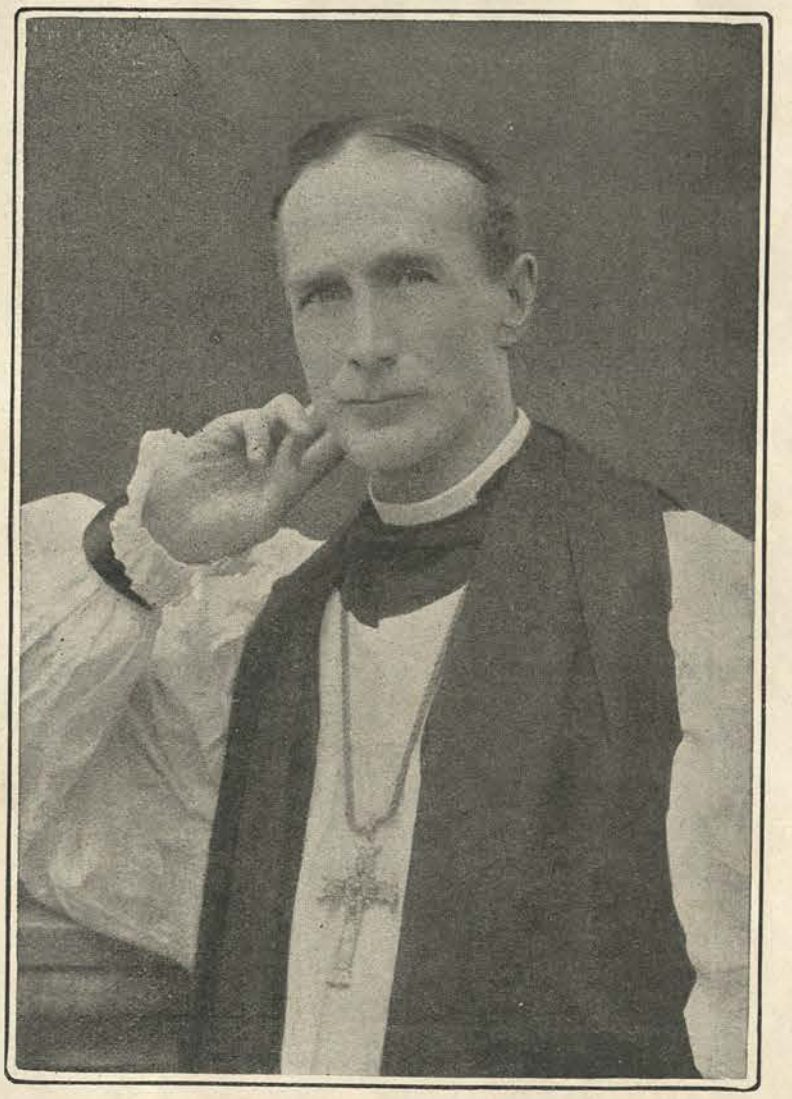


THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS.



THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

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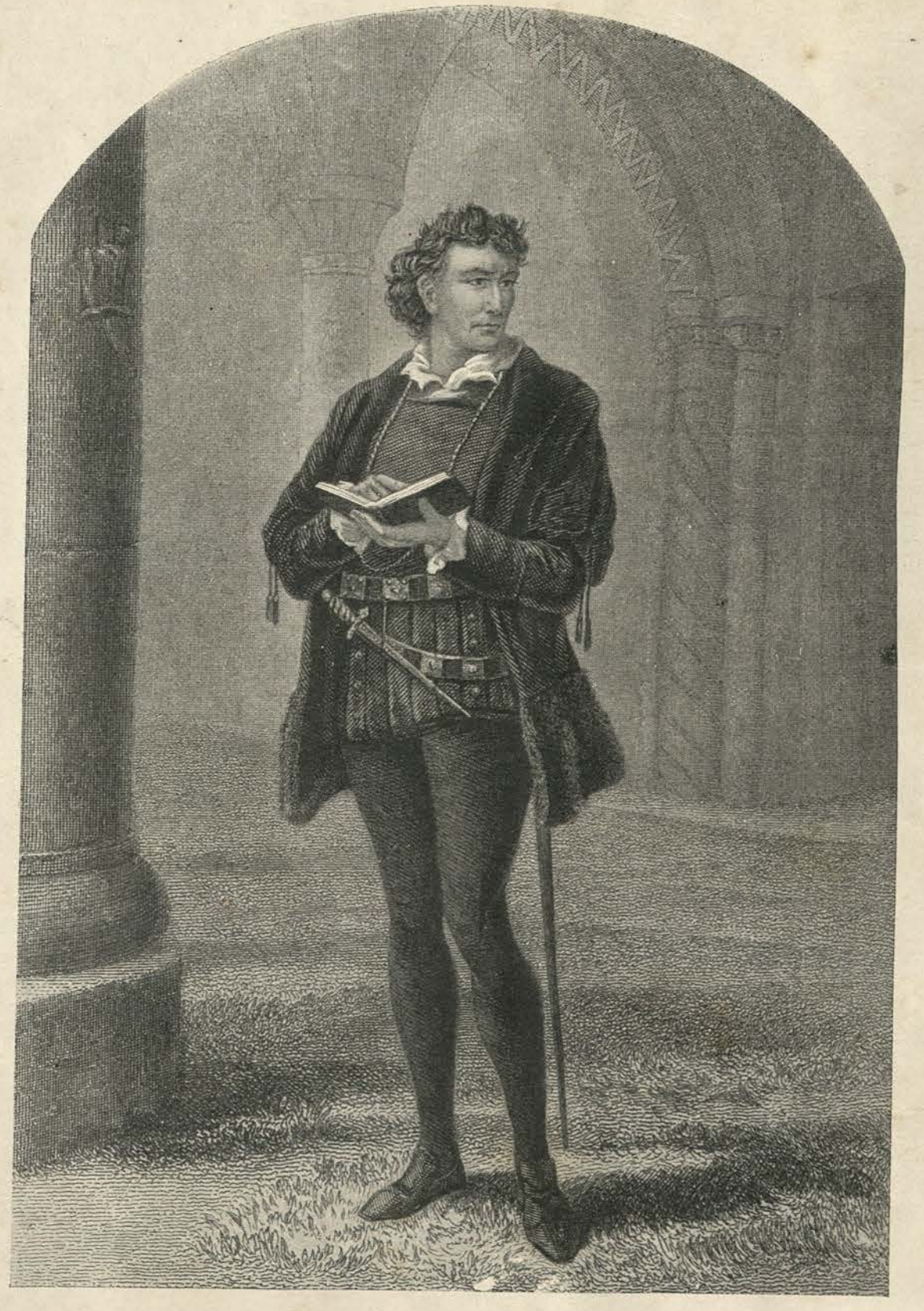
The Coronation and the Actor-Managers.

BY MONOCLE.

ONE of the most interesting groups of men for consideration at the time of the Coronation is that of the Actor-Managers of London. They have been much discussed in relation to the thrilling question of Coronation Honours, but speculation on that topic has now ended in certainty and it remains for one to speak of them otherwise. We may begin with a list, rough and ready, no doubt, for it includes at least one very important person no longer, alas, in the fullest sense a London Actor-Manager, and some, perhaps, are omitted who possess claims. Obviously, Sir Henry Irving heads the list, and after him it is discreet to be alphabetical—George Alexander, Beerbohm Tree, Arthur Bourchier, Forbes-Robertson, Charles Hawtrey, Seymour Hicks, Cyril Maude, Edward Terry, and, last and far from least, Sir Charles Wyndham. Certainly they form a group of Managers and actors of whom any city might be proud. One may make a few remarks concerning them collectively. The average of their ages is about fifty. Five are married to leading ladies of distinction, and two more of the ten have, for a good many years, been in an artistic partnership with leading actresses. In policy, as a body, they are inclined to be reactionary, or rather, opportunist, and to leave experiments to outsiders; this statement, however, is but roughly accurate. Four are Public School men; Eton and Rugby gave one each, and Charterhouse two.



SIR HENRY IRVING AS HAMLET.

Sir Henry Irving is, no doubt, the most picturesque figure of the group, and his name is associated throughout the world with the modern English theatre—if not, perhaps, the modern English drama. There have been fierce disputes as to the merits of some of his work as actor and also as Manager; but the sincerity of his devotion to his art has never been denied, the grandeur of some of his performances cannot be contested, and the services he has rendered to our theatre are a matter of pure history. The tale of his brilliant management at the Lyceum Theatre begins in 1878, and has ended at a time when it seems likely that the famous playhouse will be pulled down and become merely a name in theatrical history, a name ever memorable because of Sir Henry's splendid achievements. The youngest generation of playgoers, perhaps, hardly appreciates his services to the drama, the greatest of which, indeed, were rendered in the 'eighties, and some critics have complained of his reactionary tendency and his lack of encouragement of the present generation of playwrights; but the letters he can add to his name, "D.L." Dublin and Cambridge, and "LL.D." Glasgow, as recognition of his labours for drama, furnish a signal answer. His friendships with the foremost men of letters and art of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, too, are evidence of the unique position occupied by the Actor-Manager whose labours have resulted in such a general improvement of the London stage as to cause his productions to stand out less prominently during the last decade than in the time when he was working his reformation.

Mr. George Alexander, one of Sir Henry's ablest leading men, has had a remarkable career as Manager and actor since he produced "Dr. Bill" on his own account at the Avenue in 1890. He may proudly claim that he has done more to encourage English drama than any other Manager alive. With but few exceptions, he has confined himself to plays by living Englishmen, and success has attended his policy, success due to courage, to wisdom in choice of pieces, to judgment in mounting them, and in no small measure to his popularity as actor. Of course, there have been mistakes in his twelve years, but not many. There have been bold experiments, such as the production of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," at the time a revolutionary work, or his commission to Mr. Phillips to write "Paolo and Francesca," and the presentation of the early Esmond pieces, and, no doubt, other achievements which

need hardly be named. Some of his productions have been commonplace, but I think no one of our times has produced new plays so consistently high in quality, whilst his Shaksperian revivals have been admirable in the judicious arrival at the mean between distracting gorgeousness and baldness.

Mr Beerbohm Tree's

career as Manager goes back to 1887 and "The Red Lamp" at the Comedy, since when at the Haymarket, and subsequently at his

SIR CHARLES WYNDHAM AS DAVID GARRICK.

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splendid new house, Her Majesty's, he has produced a large number of plays. That his services to British drama have been less than Mr. Alexander's is due to the fact that he has been more eclectic as Manager, and somewhat less lucky, too; moreover, his greater versatility as actor must be taken into account. It would, however, be untrue to suggest that his devotion to art and his artistic taste are smaller than in the case of the Manager of the St. James's or to deny that he has rendered very valuable services to the theatre as Manager and actor. His numerous Shaksperian revivals have been superb; he has given a chance to several untried authors, and certainly it is to his credit that he has been so catholic as to be the only one of the group who has risked unpopularity by producing an Ibsen play. One notes with surprise that Pinero, Esmond, and Carton have not been dramatists of his theatre, and one recollects some deplorable "pot-boilers." It is, however, possible to trace in his managerial career a *reculer pour mieux sauter* policy—the "pot-boiler" has been prelude to some dangerous artistic production; and it must be remembered that, so far as new works are concerned, he has been often unlucky when audacious. He has had splendid successes, and failures more creditable than the triumphs of some others.

Mr. Bourchier

has produced a good many pieces at the Royalty and the Criterion—in conjunction with Mr. Wyndham—and at the Garrick, and has played the part of author into the bargain, with "The Chili Widow," and some others. Many, or, indeed, most, of his productions have been farces, and one of them, "Pilkerton's Peerage," is among the most brilliant of our times, but, though successful, was not fully rewarded. At present, his best title to fame is as actor, and in some parts, such as Jim Blagden, in "Wheels within Wheels," he is of quite remarkable quality.

Mr. Forbes-Robertson

has not been very fortunate as Manager, and it is rather a grim stroke of fate that, after presenting several really admirable works, his greatest success should be the trifling, pretty comedy, "Mice and Men." More than the three last-named Managers has he exploited his well-deserved popularity as actor and chosen plays as player rather than Manager, a natural reaction after a long period during which critics and public used to complain that he did not often get good enough parts. Essentially a romantic actor, and, perhaps, of not remarkable versatility, he seems likely to keep a little outside the unrestful tendency of twentieth-century drama.

Mr. "Charlie" Hawtrey,

early in his career, drew a trump in "The Private Secretary," in which both Mr. Beerbohm Tree and Mr. Penley made a "hit" as the Curate. That was about nineteen years ago, and since then, unless it be "A Message from Mars," no such colossal stroke of fortune has come to him, though he has had many successes. His most noteworthy productions have been the Carton comedies. Like Mr. Wyndham, he began with wild farce and has aspired to comedy, and has won for himself a unique position as light comedian as well as farcical actor.

Mr. Seymour Hicks,

the youngest of the group, is one of the most popular figures of the stage. Remarkable skill and great versatility as actor, an air of immense enjoyment in his work, the authorship already of about a dozen plays, and, one may add, his marriage with the delightful

MR. BEERBOHM TREE AS MALVOLIO IN "TWELFTH NIGHT."

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Ellaline Terriss, have all been elements in his favour. We have no idea as to his limits as actor or dramatist, and his work as Manager has hardly been sufficient to indicate a policy. The lighter forms of drama seem to attract him, and "Blue-bell," which is a Christmas piece that ran till Midsummer, is in some respects his most remarkable achievement. Yet there are some signs of his taking a more serious interest in drama, and, when he comes to full possession of his powers, one may reasonably hope that he will join the little band of those who think that the playhouse is not exclusively a place for idle amusement and frivolous entertainment: then it is certain that he will be a real power for good.

MR. CYRIL MAUDE,

with his partner, Mr. Frederick Harrison—also an actor, though rarely—has at the Haymarket enjoyed a career of almost unparalleled prosperity. During the present season there have been signs of a change in fortune. It cannot, however, be said that his service to drama as Manager has been remarkable. There has been no pandering to modernity under his rule, and, whilst one can easily remember his successes, one can hardly recall a triumph save as actor; "wholesome" and "agreeably entertaining" have been the correct adjectives for nearly all his productions.

MR. J. FORBES-ROBERTSON AS RICHARD DUDGEON IN "A DEVIL'S DISCIPLE."

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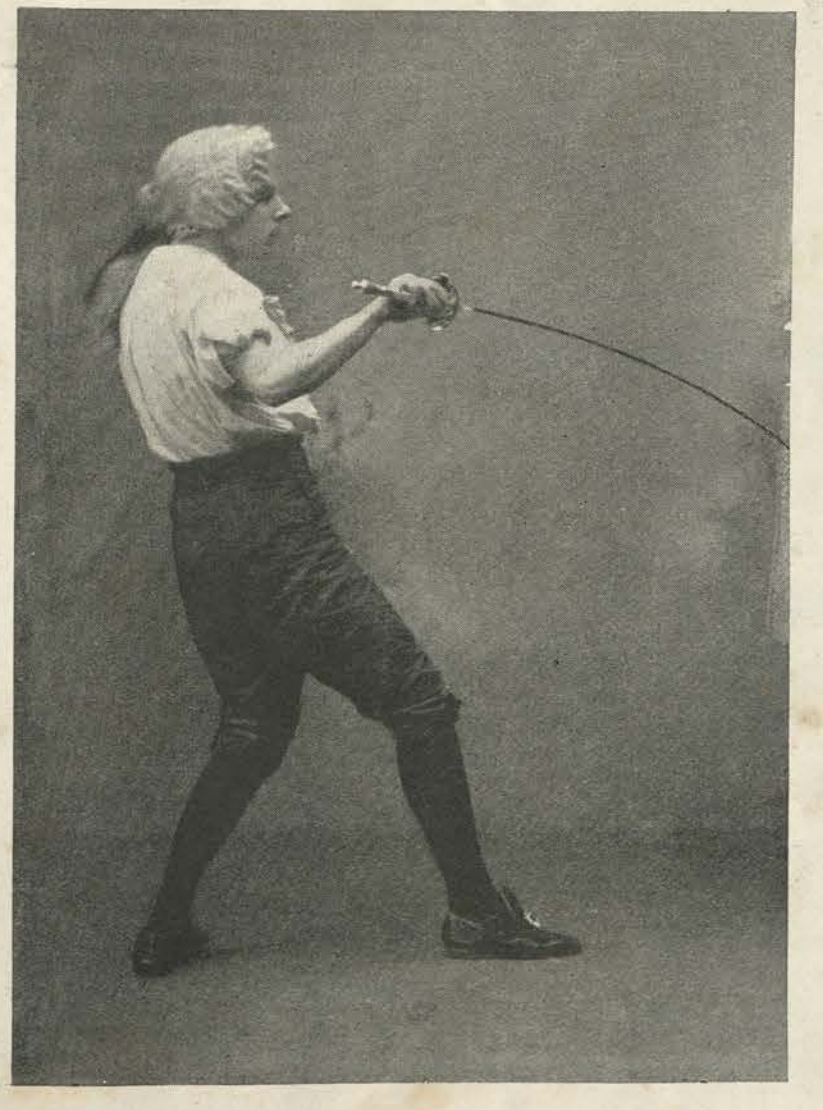
MR. EDWARD TERRY

of late years has known little of the smiles of fortune. "Sweet Lavender" and its great success was his, and he produced Pinero's brilliant comedy, "The Times," which had less than its deserved success. One has the idea that he chooses plays rather too much with a view to his highly mannered but clever and amusing style of acting.

SIR CHARLES WYNDHAM,

who ere this year be over will be proprietor of three theatres, is the *doyen* of the Managers, and yet full of energy and acting as finely as ever. Probably this article would not contain a list of the plays he has produced. Many, no doubt, particularly in his early stage, were trivial farces; but of late years, putting aside one or two experiments, comedy has been his staple, at one time chiefly adapted French comedy, and afterwards pure English comedy. Under him some of the best plays of Mr. Henry Arthur Jones have been given, Mr. Haddon Chambers has reached his high-water mark, and Messrs. Parker and Carson have done their best work. No doubt, he is a brilliant actor, rather than great Manager, and one can hardly see any clear line of policy in his choice of plays, save, perhaps, to get the best work possible containing a Wyndham part. None have been so successful as he in the matter of revivals, and the vogue of "David Garrick" seems inexhaustible.



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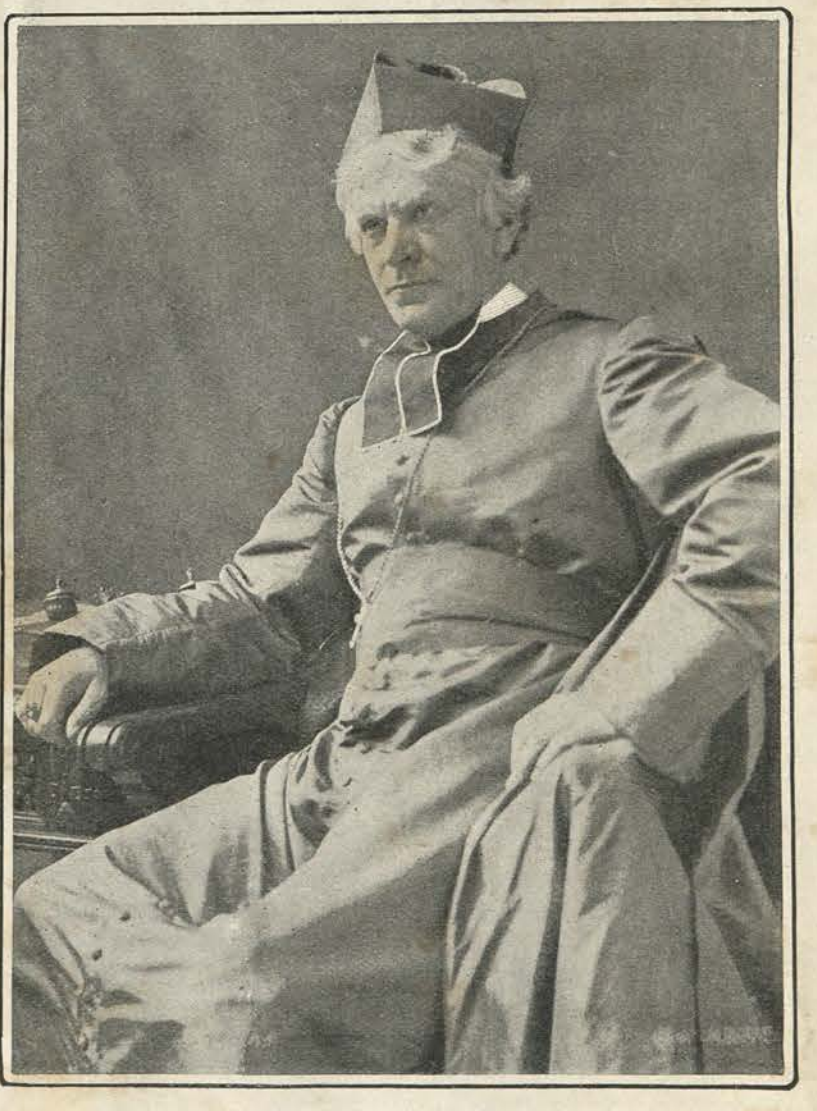

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THE CORONATION AND THE ACTOR-MANAGERS.

MR. EDWARD TERRY AS DICK PHENYL IN "SWEET LAVENDER."

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much younger that even Saidie noticed it and told him that he wasn't half such an old stick as she had fancied; but of the real business at issue not a word was said. Beside Saidie's happy, smiling face, our luckless Peer was a boy again—a prey to all the sweet illusions of youth. Would he not be strong to drive lions and tigers from out of his charmer's path, save her from burning houses and a shipwreck or two, and should he not compass those sixteen inches of room for her on the 26th? Perish the thought! He would certainly try, and try he did.

In the intervals of escorting the young person up and down the town, he set to work. He looked up the mighty in their seats till certain officials who shall be nameless fled at his approach. For years he had been an absentee from Clubs and social gatherings, and now, in his zeal, he was everywhere at once, and so much in love as to be almost unconscious of his own absurdity. Occasionally, it struck him what a figure he cut when, with hanging head, he was ever and again forced to confess to Saidie that he had not got "it" yet; but she was so gracious, so forgiving, so gentle with him, and withal so confident, that the wretched man braced himself to fresh effort and met each day with a new resolve to conquer or die. She had no reproaches; she soothed and comforted, and heavenly trust shone out at him from her blue eyes.

He had introduced her to an elderly female member of his own family, in the coward hope that this gentlewoman would take the burden of explanations off his shoulders; but not a bit of it. Old Lady Mary, who liked pretty faces, contented herself with trotting Miss Horn round; and when she was told how Lord Balham—dear, kind man!—had promised Saidie a seat in the Abbey for the 26th, she merely said, "Oh!"

Nevertheless, having lived a long time, it was she, in her wisdom, who pointed out to his Lordship the way of escape from his dilemma.

"Bless my soul, Balham! Marry the girl and take her with you!" she exclaimed, one day. She always went direct to the point; but her simple suggestion nearly knocked his Lordship off his feet, for, in a flash, he realised his state, and, with the humility born of true love, he despaired.

"Marry him!" . . . Of course, she would marry him—she would do far worse than that to get into that Abbey!

"A Coronation Marriage."

But he put the question to Saidie, nevertheless, though in fear and trembling, and with many apologies for his age and his ugliness and his generally dried-up appearance. And her answer? Well, she just stamped her foot and, with tears of rage, upbraided him for not having thought of it at once, for how on earth was she to get her robes made in time?

And, without more ado, Lord Balham found himself blessed above all men. "Marry him!" The idea of hesitating at such a crisis! Of course, she would marry him—she would do far worse than that to get into that Abbey! But the delighted Peer did not look too closely at her form of acceptance. They wired the news to California, and the thing was done.

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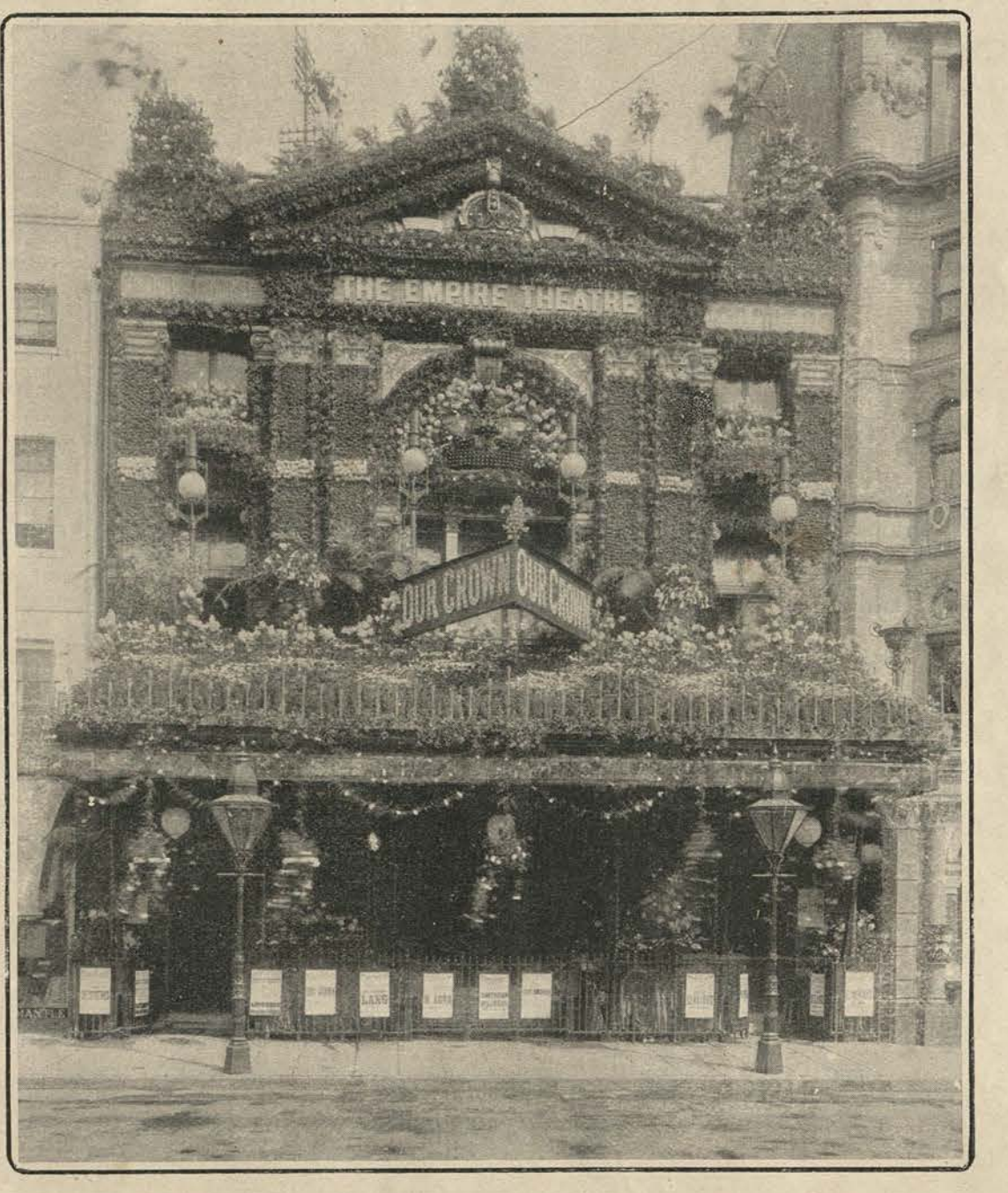
NOW that the King seems really getting well and strong again, his playgoing subjects may hope to soon see him once more patronising and encouraging all sorts of deserving shows around this very playhouse-studded Metropolis. This, as that eccentric amateur princely playwright, Hamlet, would say, is a consummation devoutly to be wished. It is principally to be wished because, undoubtedly, many good West-End productions have lately suffered by reason of the plentiful lack of playhouse patronage which the King's universally regretted illness has induced. Those who risk their capital in West-End theatrical enterprise well know that the withdrawal of Royal support from the theatres means also the temporary withdrawal of *the* patronage of those "Society," or would-be "Society," folk who feel constrained either to go to the play *or* to stay away therefrom, according to the movements adopted in this connection by Royalty or the Higher Aristocracy.

During the anxious time that His Majesty has been preparing to receive his Crown, certain playwrights of an up-to-date kind have been patiently preparing dramas more or less connected with the Sovereign at whose restoration to health we all rejoice. One of the plays of this kind long since held in constant readiness (like the Humane Society's drags) is entitled "The King's Ancestors." By way of explanation — or, shall I say, extenuation?—of this somewhat sweeping title, I may, perhaps, be allowed to mention that this play's author starts his drama at about the time of Edward I., and comes down, if I have heard aright, not farther along England's line of Royal Edwards than Edward III. This English Edwardian effusion is, I may tell you, the work of Mr. Max Goldberg, whose melodrama of crimes and coon-songs, once entitled "Secrets of the Harem," had recently, after some years' touring, the honour (and advertisement) of being prohibited by the Lord Chamberlain. Since then, this forbidden work has continued to tour under the name of "Secrets."



THE EMPIRE THEATRE, SHOWING THE FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR THE CORONATION (ORIGINAL DATE).

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As I have warned you long ago to expect, Sir Henry Irving has (in consequence of the present uncertain arrangements of the Lyceum, Limited) arranged to secure another theatre, whereat he will produce next spring his long ago ordered but only just delivered new play written by the veteran Victorien Sardou around what one may without irreverence describe as the purgatorial poet, Dante. Sir Henry, at the moment of writing, now seems to favour the Shaftesbury. But a few days ago, when I had the pleasure of another long chat with him for *The Sketch*, Sir Henry assured me that he had an eye or so on another theatre which he strongly fancied. That theatre was, I may now tell you, no other than the Adelphi.

Speaking of Sir Henry Irving, there reaches me at the moment of going to press the rumour (a somewhat revived one, you will confess) that Miss Ellen Terry will really, at the end of the run of the aforesaid Dante play, leave Sir Henry Irving's Company and will go a-touring again on her own account. Please note that *I* do not vouch for this rumour's accuracy—I merely give it as it was just told to me.

With respect to Mrs. Kendal, I ought to state that I have just been informed that that gifted actress may anon again, with her husband, join Mr. John Hare, with whom they were in joint management a good many years ago. It seems, the present arrangement is that Mrs. Kendal shall act with Mr. Hare in his contemplated production of an English adaptation of "L'Abbé Constantin."

I am asked to contradict, and that categorically, the many rumours which have gone around the Press to the effect that Madame Sarah Grand and Mr. George R. Sims are collaborating in a new social comedy. Mr. Sims says he knows nothing whatever about this arrangement.

I learn that it is now absolutely settled that Mr. H. V. Esmond's long-ago-paragraphed social comedy, "My Lady Virtue," will be Mr. Arthur Bourchier's next new production at the Garrick.

It would seem that the Messrs. Gatti and Charles Frohman, who are re-decorating the Vaudeville, will not re-open that house until "early in September," when will be produced Mr. J. M. Barrie's comedy, "Quality Street." This dainty play was a huge success in America. At the Vaudeville, the leading characters will be sustained by Mr. Seymour Hicks and Miss Ellaline Terriss.

As to Mr. Hicks, he has just finished collaborating with Mr. Walter Slaughter in the new musical comedy entitled "An English Daisy." This was on Monday last, the 11th inst., tried at the County Theatre, Reading, with Miss Zena Dare as the heroine, and Mr. Tom E. Murray, the quaint American droll, as the chief comedian.

The British Empire did great things in the way of preparations for the Coronation, and the Leicester Square Empire so wisely governed by Mr. H. J. Hitchins did not belie its name. In addition to the gorgeous ballet, "Our Crown," and an entertainment of a bright and varied description, it delighted its patrons by its lavish decorations both inside and out. The picture given herewith shows how the Empire was decorated for the original date of the Coronation. Many hundreds of pounds were expended to obtain the charming effect presented, and as an object-lesson in decoration it was worth every penny spent.

The youngest "star" on the American stage to-day is Miss Marie Stewart, who, as Marie Doro, made her début last year in David Belasco's comedy, "Naughty Anthony." Miss Stewart, who is not yet nineteen years of age, is the daughter of a Wall Street Trust President, and only recently was a pupil at one of the fashionable Fifth Avenue boarding-schools. Hearing that Miss Stewart was going to London to purchase a play for herself, George W. Lederer, the American Manager, offered her a leading part in the Company he was organising for his annual autumn production, "Sally in Our Alley," a musical comedy.

KEY-NOTES

TO Sir Frederick Bridge was entrusted the music specially arranged for the Coronation ; and undoubtedly he has fulfilled his task with amazing intelligence and discretion. Sir Frederick Bridge reckons among his musical ancestors no less a name than that of Handel, whose "Zadok the Priest," included in the score of the new Coronation music, can scarcely be said to be too up-to-date.

The words of the Introit, sung at the beginning of the Communion Service, "O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God," were adapted by Sir Frederick Bridge to an extract from the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's oratorio, "The Light of the World," the concluding bars of the chorus "Men and Brethren" in that work The Service in E, by Samuel Wesley, raised a storm of indignation when it first appeared in 1845. This, as we are told, was not only due to the new idiom of the music, but in a large measure to the "remarkable Preface—really a manifesto—issued with the Service." In this he refers to the "unvarying syllabic accentuation," and the "monotonous undescriptive expression" of the contrapuntal music of the "dry-as-dust" school, a school already immortalised by Sir Walter Scott, compared to the more natural style of poetic treatment, of which latter Wesley was, of course, a consummate master. Wesley states that the Creed was originally written for treble voices only, "to meet an emergency which occasionally arose at one of the Cathedrals (Hereford or Exeter) with which he was connected, and that it was never intended for public inspection." But an enthusiastic musical amateur, upon hearing it performed at Leeds, induced Wesley to write the entire Service, for which he remunerated the composer with the sum of fifty guineas. The Creed, therefore, is the parent of the Service known as "Wesley in E," and was composed by Wesley before he became organist of Leeds Parish Church.

Sir Frederick Bridge is distinguished most of all by the carefulness with which he arranges everything that is of importance in connection with his work; and therefore one found that the issue of the music to be performed on the occasion of the Coronation had been most carefully constructed out of the works of great Englishmen who, at moments of especial and national inspiration, have fulfilled the ideals of the country. Parry, Villiers Stanford, and the late Sir Arthur Sullivan were all impounded for the service in question. Sullivan's Introit, "O Hearken Thou," is in its way a lovely thing and demonstrative of the fact that Sullivan was quite at his best in the writing of ecclesiastical music. Stanford's "Te Deum" is, naturally, a thing to admire from the purely academic point of view, and one greatly suspects that the work was included simply because it was necessary on such an occasion as this that every grade of English music should be recognised. "The Homage" was signalised by the singing of Sir Frederick Bridge's anthem, "Kings Shall See and Arise," a straightforward but very effective piece of musical writing. The thing possesses a world of spirit, and is in its way quite triumphant. Perhaps the most exquisite thing of the whole musical service was Purcell's "Let My Prayer Come Up," a work so full of sweetness and ingenious harmony that one might have desired to hear more of this composer's work on many particular occasions, seeing that he, too, was himself once the organist of the great Abbey.

Necessary as doubtless the change was, one, nevertheless, could not but regret the final decision to omit Tallis's Litany. It was written during a time when English music was on its way to the zenith of its glory; and for that reason, as a record, as a chronicle of what we have been capable of in the past, the thing might, indeed, have come as a crown to the occasion, stretching back hands to a former day of English musical glory. The Litany, indeed, is very beautiful, and is treated in so solemn a manner that you feel that here, at all events, a chapter of music is closed, and that a culmination has been reached, a climax has been acccomplished. It is a very strange thought that in old days the complexity of music never seemed to terrify or to overcome the minds of the great composers of the age in which they lived. In these days of cheap waltzes and cheaper comic opera, a well-written sextet is regarded almost as a work of extraordinary genius; in the old days, as it appears, that was the commonplace of musical life, and it is much to remember that we, who are supposed to have inherited the gifts of all the ages, have, as a matter of fact, in music (especially ecclesiastical music) gone very far back beyond the time of our artistic ancestors. To continue the Liturgy:

"The Coronation Office being performed, the King (attended and accompanied as before), the four Swords being carried before him, descends from his Throne, Crowned, and, carrying his Sceptre and Rod in his hands, moves into the Area Eastward of the Theatre, and passes on through the Door on the South side of the Altar into Saint Edward's Chapel; and, as the Procession passes by the Altar, the Regalia, lying upon it, are delivered by the Dean of Westminster to the Lords that carried them in the Procession; and so they proceed in State into the Chapel, the Organ all the while playing. The Queen, at the same time descending, goes in like manner into the same Chapel at the Door on the North side of the Altar, bearing her Sceptre in her Right Hand, and her Ivory Rod in her Left." For purposes of the King's convenience at this point, the "Te Deum" was arranged to be sung during this function, instead of at any other period of the proceedings.

"The King and Queen" (to come now to the actual instructions) "being come into the Chapel, the King standing before the Altar, delivers the Sceptre with the Dove to the Archbishop, who layeth it upon the Altar there. And the Golden Spurs and Saint Edward's Staff are given into the hands of the Dean of Westminster, and by him laid there also.

"His Majesty is then disrobed of his Imperial Mantle or Robe of State, and arrayed in his Royal Robe of Purple Velvet, and Her Majesty is also arrayed in her Royal Robes of Purple Velvet. His Majesty, wearing his Imperial Crown, then receives in his Left Hand the Orb from the Archbishop

SIR FREDERICK BRIDGE.

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"Then their Majesties proceed through the Choir to the West Door of the Church, in the same way as they came, wearing their Crowns: the King bearing in his Right Hand the Sceptre with the Cross, and in his Left the Orb; the Queen bearing in her Right Hand her Sceptre with the Cross, and in her Left the Ivory Rod with the Dove; all Peers wearing their Coronets."

Sir Walter Parratt also contributed an anthem, "Confortare," a tiny thing of sixteen bars, which had its place between the putting on of the Crown and the presenting of the Bible. On the whole, I should be inclined to say that Sir Frederick Bridge has the credit for producing as careful a musical programme as has ever been issued for the Coronation of an English Sovereign. The days of Handel, of course, are passed, and the composer of "Zadok the Priest" no longer wields his Imperial bâton over the purlieus of the Thames. Still, his name must be honoured and remembered in every Coronation, and to his successor there is due all the praise that should be given to one who has devoted infinite labour, infinite pains, and the most careful selection to all the things that, from a musical point of view, formed the outstanding musical embroidery of the present Coronation.

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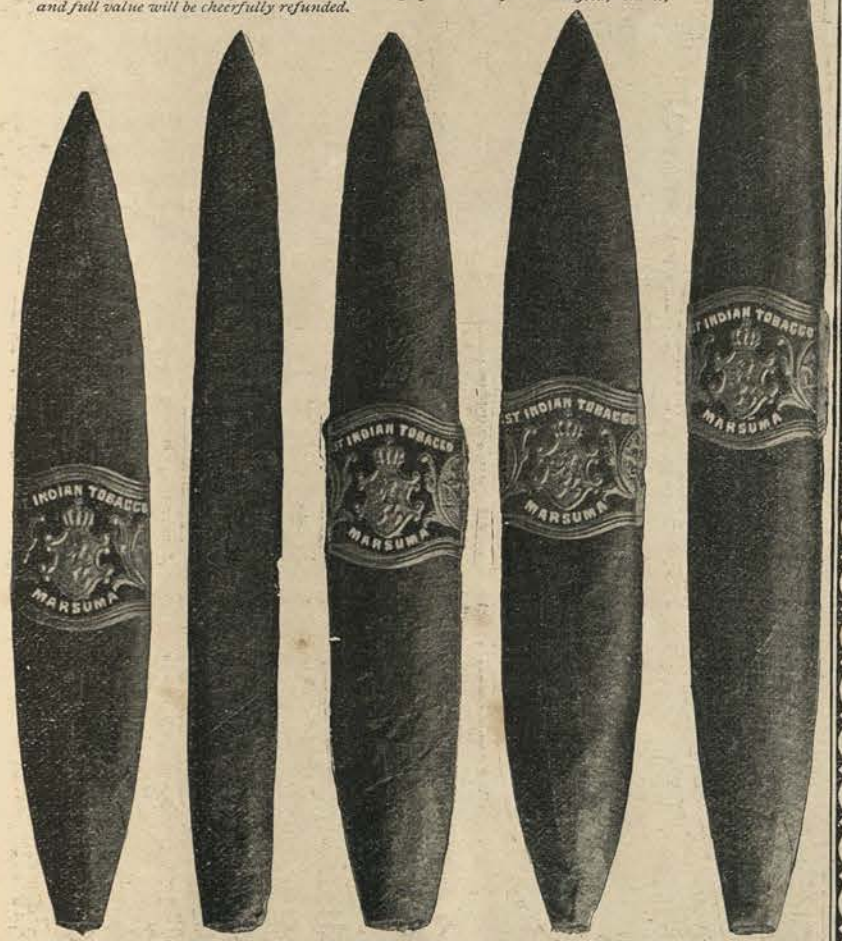

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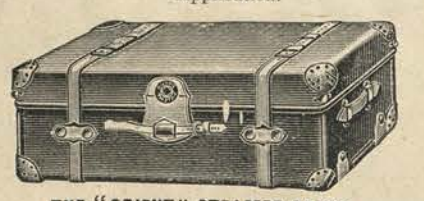

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THE postponement of the Coronation to some extent arrested the normal ebb of the tide which empties London in August, but now the annual process is completed, and for the moment the motor-car is more seen and heard at the seaside and in touring centres than in the West-End, where cars have become such customary features as scarcely to cause passers-by to turn their heads. The King himself has hardly had an opportunity of using his new twenty-two horse-power Daimler, which was shown, unfinished, at the March exhibition, and was delivered at Windsor on the eve of His Majesty's lamentable illness; but it is his purpose to visit Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, and enjoy some quiet drives through the New Forest, where the roads are in excellent condition, and sufficiently lonely for an informal Royal progress to be undertaken without the "mobbing" which seems inevitable when the King's car turns out of Cowes. Lord Montagu's son, the Hon. John Scott-Montagu, M.P. for the New Forest Division of Hampshire, knows every nook of the country, is an expert handler of the car, and will form an ideal guide in both senses on these recreative trips.

In the great race in the Ardennes, Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt did almost as great a performance as Mr. Charles Jarrott, the winner, for he ran third, though starting last and using an unfamiliar car. Mr. Jarrott drove his seventy horse-power Panhard six times round the circuit of fifty-four miles in five hours fifty-three minutes, and Mr. Vanderbilt's time works out at only two miles per hour less. He used M. Henri Fournier's racing-Mors, and the Belgian Automobile Club sanctioned the use of this car, provided that he started last. What that meant in the dust stirred up by the crowd of sixty-mile-an-hour predecessors on the gigantic lap can be better guessed than delineated. Baron de Crawhez, who suggested the race, set himself down as the first entrant, and, as the starts took place in the order of entering, he had a clear run; but, after attaining the fastest speed, he suffered a slight disablement. Charron and Barras collided and retired. Jenatzy dived into a ditch; and Baron de Caters, who lately tied the famous kilomètre record made by M. Léon Serpollet, cannoned off an uncushioned wall, and the subsequent proceedings interested him no more.

MRS. BERNARD WEGUELIN ON HER TWELVE HORSE-POWER PANHARD.

It does not seem very likely that the Gordon-Bennett Cup, now held by the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland owing to the success of Mr. S. F. Edge on the British-built Napier car, will ever be raced for in the United Kingdom. Even if the Bill abolishing speed-limits became law forthwith, it would not follow that the race could take place. Somewhere in the three hundred and twenty miles, or so, necessary for the competition there would be objectors who could hardly be silenced if they considered racing speeds furious driving, while there is another section of the Highway Act concerning the playing of games on the highway which would have to be got over. The only way of running the race on our roads would be by a special Act for the express purpose, whether the race were held here or, as has been suggested by Irishmen, in Ireland. It could be done in a couple of consecutive early-mornings without danger, but it cannot at present be done legally. This difficulty, however, does not mean that the cup can never be run for, as the rules which prescribe that the country holding the cup shall be the venue of the competition contain an exceptional proviso that, if England is the winner, the race may be held in France.

Such a race serves as a splendid advertisement. With but few exceptions, the participants are keenly interested in the manufacture and sale of motor-cars, and the fillip to the industry in this country by a British success is immense. At the congratulatory dinner to the winner this aspect of the success was most conspicuously prominent. The Premier's letter excusing his absence spoke of the success earned for cars of British design and manufacture. M. Charron, telegraphing from Paris, admitted the triumph of English industry. The Chairman, Mr. Roger Wallace, K.C., hoped the Government would give some assistance to keep the Cup in this country and so stimulate the motor industry; and the winner himself expressed a belief that, so long as the race was held here, British industry would be the gainer, even though a foreign car might win. It would serve to dissipate the impression that Paris must necessarily for ever be the centre of the automobile trade merely because France took a year or two's start of this country.

In these days of rapid evolution of improved types, the general advice to owners is not to keep cars too long, and, when to this is coupled the advice to tyros not to run the risk of buying second-hand cars, one wonders what would be the effect if everybody followed, or tried to follow, such excellent recommendations. If every experienced owner made a practice of selling soon, and every beginner made an equally invariable practice of not buying second-hand, whence would come the buyers to relieve the prudent sellers of their cars? The fact is, a beginner is well advised to invest in a second-hand car, provided always that he is really well advised in the selection of it.

To Mr. Mark Mayhew, of the London County Council, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Automobile Club, belongs the credit of exciting interest in motor-cars among military men. A year ago he took his seven-horse Panhard to the Manœuvres at Aldershot, and enabled the Generals to obtain a comprehensive view of the proceedings in a way never before possible. In a year great progress has been made.

Mr. Mayhew again has put in good service at the Manœuvres on Salisbury Plain, and is hoping that an Automobile Volunteer Corps will shortly be organised. Meanwhile, the Mechanical Transport Committee of the War Office has been busy buying cars and training soldier drivers. A ten horse-power Wolseley for the use of General Sir Evelyn Wood, and a similar-powered Brush car for Major-General Sir Thomas Fraser, are among the latest selections. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has found his nine horse-power Napier of special value to him in the exercise of his military duties and in the inspection of the camps in various quarters of the Metropolis.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

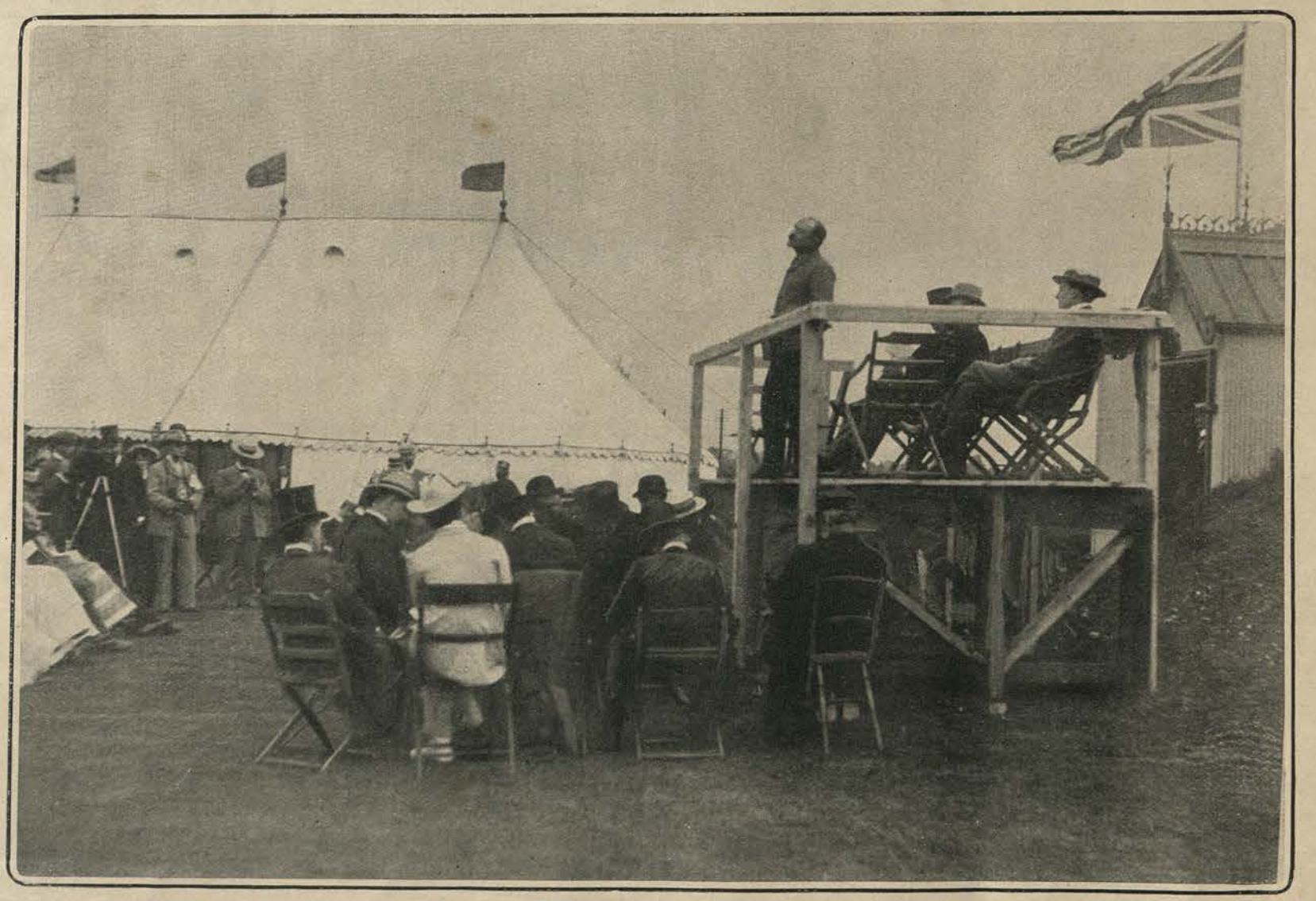
The "Northern Circuit."—The St. Leger—A "Flat" Season.

ON Friday, the Redcar Meeting opens the "Northern Circuit," a series of meetings which also embraces Stockton, York, and Doncaster. Redcar and Stockton are, to a very large extent, dependent on Lord Londonderry and Mr. James Lowther for their success. Those well-known supporters of racing always have large parties at Wynyard Park and Wilton Castle, including many men who enter horses for races to be decided at the meetings mentioned, and who, of course, go over with their hosts to see the sport. In the Redcar Two-Year-Old Stakes, Gilbert Orme should about win. This colt showed some promise at Goodwood, and, if he does not win at Redcar, he is likely to do well later on. In the National Breeders' Foal Stakes a lot of moderate animals are engaged, and the best of them seems to be Pistol; that is, of course, provided Minstead does not run. At Stockton, next Tuesday, the Wynyard Plate may be won by Kroonstad or Jacqueline. The City of London Breeders' Foal Plate at Kempton to-day should be within the compass of St. Windeline.

With Sceptre a mare of many moods, with St. Brendan an unbeaten colt in Ireland and who has not been on this side, and with Cheers rapidly improving into the good colt he was thought to be last year, we are likely to have one of the best races for the St. Leger that we have seen for some years. When Sceptre ran so badly in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, her St. Leger chance seemed to be very small, but her owner, who scorns the ordinary cut-and-dried methods of training with his beautiful mare, immediately came to the conclusion that she was short of work and sent her along the next two mornings at top speed. What was the result? She stripped another animal in the Nassau Stakes on the last day of the meeting and won with an ease that it would be hard to estimate. If she shows her best Goodwood form at Doncaster, she will be very hard to beat; but she will have a vastly different task on Town Moor to that she essayed so successfully against Simoom filly, and I don't yet see my way to altering my opinion that, if St. Brendan is beaten, it may be by Cupbearer, who is exceedingly smart when in the humour.

Early this season I had hopes that Coronation year would be a red-letter one in the racing world. There seemed to be good likelihood of a revival of interest in Turf matters, but now the months have gone by it cannot be denied that things are very flat indeed. This was painfully apparent at Goodwood, where the sport was poor and the interest displayed less than at a Saturday afternoon meeting. This lack of interest is noticeable not only on the part of the come-and-go racing-men, but the regulars seem to be bored with the sport.—CAPTAIN COE.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling's speech at the opening of the Morris-tube rifle-range, suggested by his poem, "The Islanders," and erected at Lower Sydenham for the benefit of employés of the Jaeger Company, was as characteristic as it was excellent—a pleasing blend of humour and common-sense which should be perused with profit by the War Office authorities. Excusing his presence by the statement that he was largely interested in a similar range at Rottingdean, and so could say, as the Yeoman said when he fell into the thorn-bush, "If I have not got knowledge, I have got a whole skinful of experience," Mr. Kipling went on to prove that he had knowledge, and argued that drill and rifle-shooting with the individual should be approached on precisely the same basis as the study of the A B C. They did not wait until the boy was eighteen or nineteen before they taught him his letters, and so should it be with instruction in rifle-shooting. They should catch the boy when he was about twelve, and teach him drill and rifle-shooting, because there was no danger in this country and in our climate of producing a race of inflammatory barbarians. Thus we might hope that the next time the nations of the earth saw fit to love us with the love that found such perfect expression during the last thirty months, we on our side might not be found wholly ignorant of one or two of those less spiritual accomplishments which, if they did not secure affection, at least commanded respect. Mr. Kipling subsequently opened the range by firing two shots, with which he scored an "outer" and an "inner," and signing the target-card.



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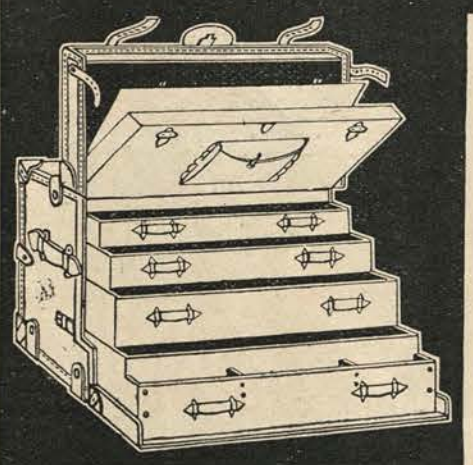

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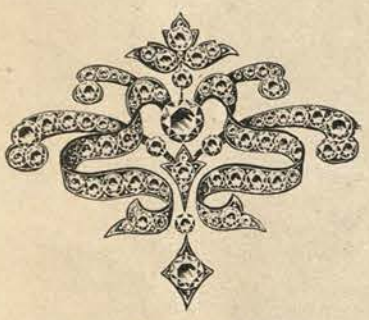

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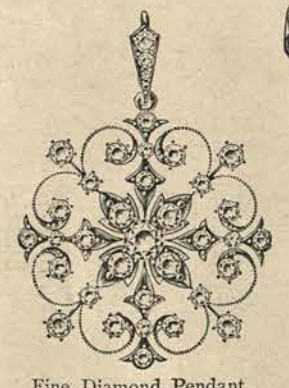

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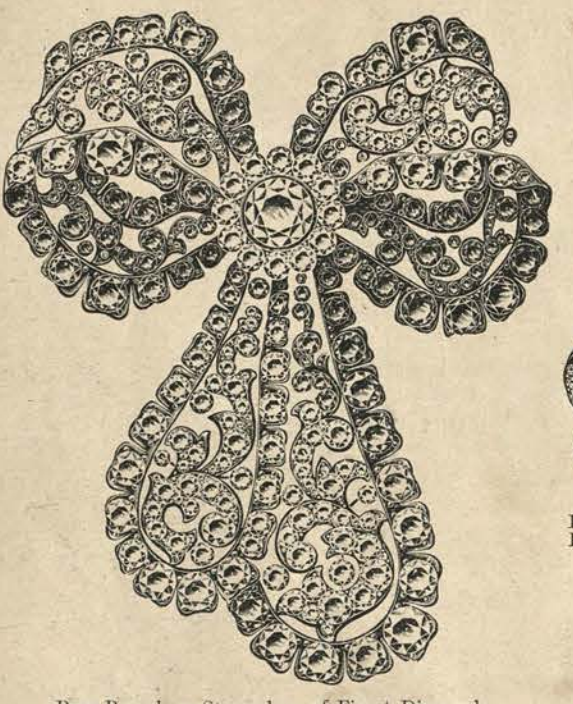

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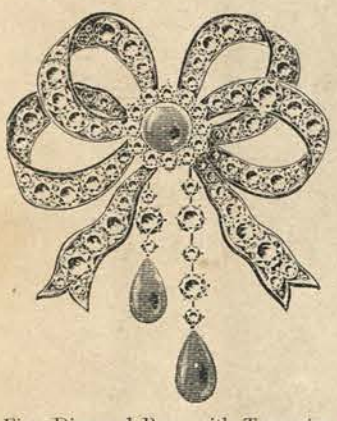

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OUR LADIES' PAGES.

IF Carlyle cannot be set down as an oppressively amiable philosopher, few can say that his pessimistic summing up of humanity was a mistaken one. Still, if we are mostly fools, we are sometimes rather bearable idiots, and many follies are, indeed, quite lovable, while unvarying wisdom has, somehow, a cold and desolating effect, as a general rule, on mere ordinary humanity. Of fools there are many varieties therefore, but while some we can suffer most gladly, others contrive to be so insupportable as to make their neighbourhood or approach a downright calamity. It is true that, nowadays, life is scampered through so swiftly that we do not become really intimate with one friend in fifty, and so irritating idiosyncrasies remain undiscovered with the bulk of our acquaintances. It is only on board ship or in the dismaying circumstance of wet weather in a country house-party that "real selves" come forth and flourish amazingly. *Then* the types unfold, and we discover what desolating bores erstwhile charming people may be, and how entirely nice some hitherto undiscovered others. There is, for instance, the sporting-man who talks horses and is a dried-up well if you take him off flat-racing, steeplechasing, or "huntin'"; the prosaic person who assents to all remarks but never volunteers one; the pretty woman who is an authority on chiffons but blandly superior to all other subjects; the socially active who incessantly recruits her visiting-list; the well-informed 'Varsity youth who knows everything better than everybody else—and dozens beside. But, of all the bores that be, defend me from her (it is always her) who exploits her friends and relations—chiefly the titled ones—for the bothered benefit of uninterested others.

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A SMART COSTUME IN BLUE CLOTH.

To suffer in silence from the series of long-buried great-uncles and grandfathers belonging to this form of bore is a punishment that the Fates should not lightly inflict, yet one that has to be often endured by those who number amongst their acquaintances a snob. Who that has sat out pages of dead-and-gone "Debrett," and politely endured other people's cousinships with Earls and Marquises unto the fourth generation, will not heartily endorse me when I say that such claimants to their reflected glories deserve to be struck off all civilised

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AN ELEGANT RACE-COAT.

visiting-lists in this life and condemned to an exclusively suburban domestic circle in the next?

The clothes subject is a quiescent one for the moment, when everybody is endeavouring to wear out the unworn gowns and glories prepared for our past unwearable summer weather. One hears various hints, light as well as dark, from Paris of all the forthcoming changes in skirts, sleeves, and "so forths" which are foreshadowed by dress-making powers that be; but until the autumn ides, which, alack, already loom large, we shall continue to trail our too-long trains on Mother Earth, and dip our too-loose sleeves in foreign matter, and wear uncomfortably our too-tilted hats on the tops of our noses, and do various other silly things that present fashion acclaims and vanity permits. It has been advanced that sleeves are to be tight below and full above, that veils will be worn to the tip of the nose, and that many other departures from the present order of our going will signalise the forthcoming season. The most practical change for a British winter would, to my mind, be the shortening of skirts, which become so burdensome when elongated in thick materials. More especially to the country does this apply, of course, where the union of tweed and damp *terra firma* is more than ever inappropriate and unsuitable. Apropos of country wearables, I hear great things of the new spiral puttees patented by Fox Brothers, of Wellington, Somerset, which are made both for men and women, and are designed to wind spirally from ankle to knee, fitting closely to the leg without any turns or twists, as of old. These puttees can be had with or without spats, the former costing seven-and-sixpence, the

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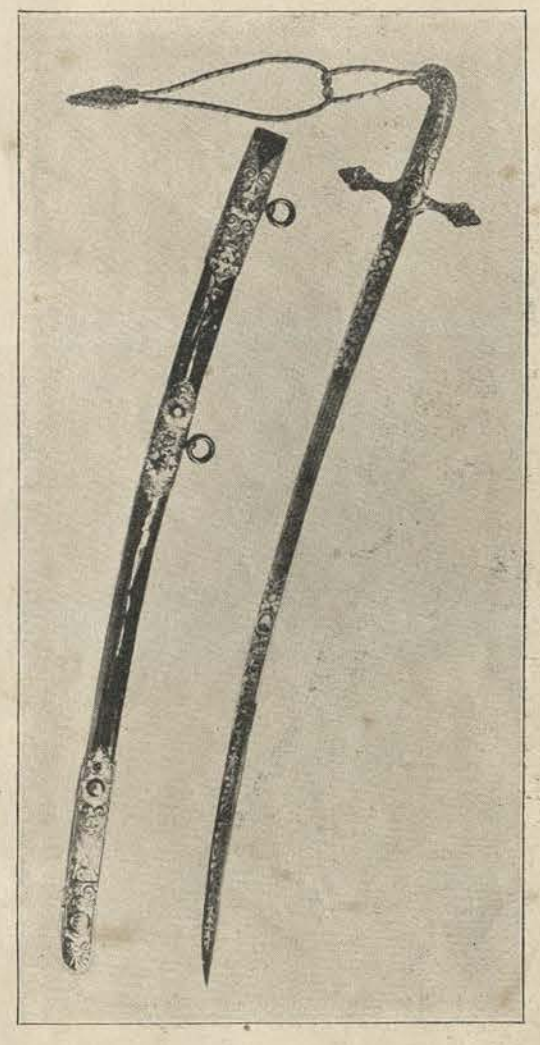
ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L. Nugent.—I should have thought one of the principals at Christie's would be the best person to value your pictures—they must have such vast experience. For houses in the Regent's Park district, local agents would be best, or big firms like Maple and Norman and Stacey, both in Tottenham Court Road. Bloomsbury is being exploited, too, and a thin stream of the more impecunious "smart" has already begun to trickle Bedford Square way.

American.—Any of the Dover Street dressmakers will turn you out well. Kate Reily, Machinka, Worth, Paquin, are all in the first flight and all close together. It seems to me that you may have started in the wrong set, as it is comparatively easy for Americans to get into Society, given sufficient money, and also as the question of birth does not come up, as it would, of course, with newly introduced foreigners, who are expected to be "born." SYBIL.

Before Viscount Kitchener sailed from South Africa, the Mayor and Corporation of Cape Town resolved to present him with a sword of honour. The weapon not being ready at the time of his departure, the Lord Mayor of London, at the request of the Cape Town Municipality, undertook the pleasant duty of formally tendering the gift at the recent South African Dinner at the Hôtel Métropole. The sword, which was specially designed and manufactured by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, of 112, Regent Street, W., is a most beautiful and elaborately ornamented specimen, the hilt being of eighteen-carat gold and the scabbard of solid silver, richly gilt, the lower end and bands being of gold. The blade is of the finest steel, elaborately etched, and bears the presentation inscription.



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The first number of the *Referee* was published on Sunday, Aug. 19, 1877. On Sunday, Aug. 17, 1902, the paper will, therefore, reach the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation. The proprietors will celebrate the interesting occasion by issuing a special Silver Wedding number, to consist of sixteen pages, and to contain special contributions not only from the regular members of the staff, but from many other celebrated writers. Among the special contributors to this special number will be John Hollingshead, David Christie Murray, Martin Cobbett, George Spencer Edwards, H. Chance Newton, Edward Morton, Richard-Henry, Gilbert Burgess, Henry Pugh, and the renowned Mrs. Bullyboy.

It cannot be said that the grouse-shooting season which commenced yesterday has opened under very favourable auspices. In spite of the great care that has been paid to so many estates during the past few years, consequent upon the rise of rents, in spite of the draining of moors and burning of heather, disease has been reported from many quarters where it was absent last season. No sportsman hopes or expects to rival the success of a year ago, when birds were very forward, very plentiful, and healthy; the best that can be hoped is that the change will not be too striking. Even in bad years, the North Country may be expected to supply a very large number of birds, but the modern tendency lies more in the direction of making record bags than in sport for sport's sake, and the high rents that have become well-nigh universal are some justification for this tendency. It is a curious fact that the grouse-disease quite baffles game-preservers and experts. They know that a warm nesting season and a dry ground keep it away, but they have not the remotest idea of dealing with it effectually. Last year the disease was rare in Scotland; Caithness seemed to be the only shire that suffered at all severely. This year it is said that many sick coveys have been found much further South. It is to be hoped that the reports have been exaggerated, and that sport will not be so bad, after all.

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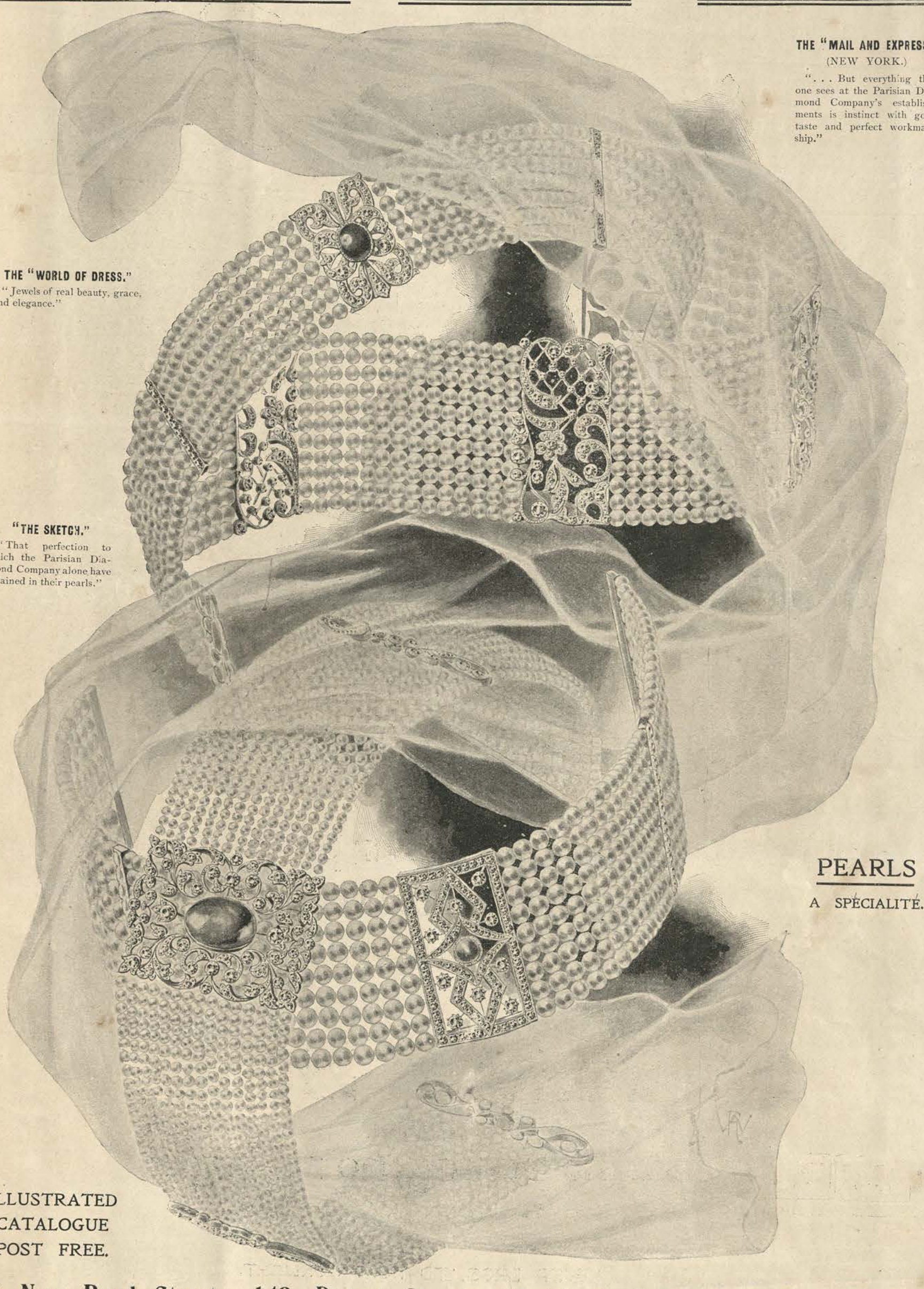

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Coronation Markets.

THE Coronation Markets in the reign of King Edward VII. will long be remembered as black-letter days in the history of the Stock Exchange. It does not matter very much what happens in the way of traffics, dividends, foreign affairs, or suchlike things, for they all make for lower prices. Meanwhile, the public, not

JARS FROM THE SACRED LAKE OF GUATAVITA.

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being altogether composed of fools, keeps resolutely apart from all dealing, and the professional speculators—or, at least, those who can afford luxuries—have gone away for a holiday, and are yacht-racing at Cowes, climbing high mountains in the uttermost parts of the earth, or taking water cures at Homburg and suchlike centres of European civilisation. The Account will be a light one, although, from the continuous droop in prices, there is some uneasiness as to how it will go off, and it is pretty certain that rates will not be heavy. The general state of the Stock Exchange may, however, be fitly judged by the Coronation decorations, which consist of hanging out a few draggled flags—not more dilapidated than the feelings of the majority of the members.

Contractors, Limited.

Those who are interested in the gamble of draining the Sacred Lake of Guatavita, with all its possibilities of untold wealth—or of nothing, shall we say?—must have been more than satisfied with the report which Mr. Hartley Knowles, the Managing Director, had to make to the meeting on the 31st of last month. We know that several of our correspondents and more of our readers have shares in the Company, and they will have rejoiced to hear definitely that there are enough funds to carry out the work and see the bottom of the lake. It may be, of course, that, as the Indians say, the devils who inhabit the sacred waters will actively interfere when the work gets near its completion; but modern engineering takes the interference of lake spirits all in a day's work, and it must be admitted that this sort of danger did not appear to disconcert either Mr. Hartley Knowles or Mr. Crease, the engineer, who was present and explained the progress of the work; nor, indeed, did the shareholders seem to dread the invisible powers overmuch.

"By August next year we shall know whether we are millionaires or not," is the Managing Director's fair comment on the present position. In these columns the story of the enterprise has already been told, and the historical evidences upon which the sanguine hopes of the managers are based were briefly referred to some months ago. Those who take long shots must not complain if they miss the bull's-eye, and we suppose every shareholder in Contractors, Limited, is sportsman enough to accept what may come when the bottom of the lake is exposed, without crying even if the golden images and accumulated gold-dust pan out below the estimate.

Mr. Knowles was able to exhibit a few specimens of the treasures which have from time to time been brought from the lake-bed, and there is indisputable evidence that Mr. Restrepo sent to the Chicago Exhibition golden articles which were obtained by him, of a value of some £8000. The illustrations we give are of the articles brought back by Mr. Knowles and which he has kindly had photographed for us. That they have come from the lake-bed he can vouch for.

We hear that there is some talk in the Stock Exchange of a concerted movement in the shares, which are to-day nominally about £2 each. For our own money, we are going to see it out; when, perhaps by next August, the original £10 we invested may be worth £1000 or nothing—who can tell?

The Scotch Railways.

The last of the English Railway dividends has now been declared, and, while no particularly sensational results have appeared, it must be conceded that, on balance, the announcements lean to the side of disappointment. Since the middle of May there had been hopes that, at all events, three or four of the Companies would declare dividends showing a substantial advance over those of the corresponding period of 1901, and the postponement of the Coronation ceremonies came so late as to justify hopes of the railways receiving marked benefit from the preparation for these festivities. But a feeling of disappointment has been left by the announcements, and the market is modifying to some extent its estimates of what may happen in regard to the Scottish lines. On the eve of the declarations, it may be well to review briefly the situation of the principal Companies. Naturally, the first to demand attention is the

Caledonian.

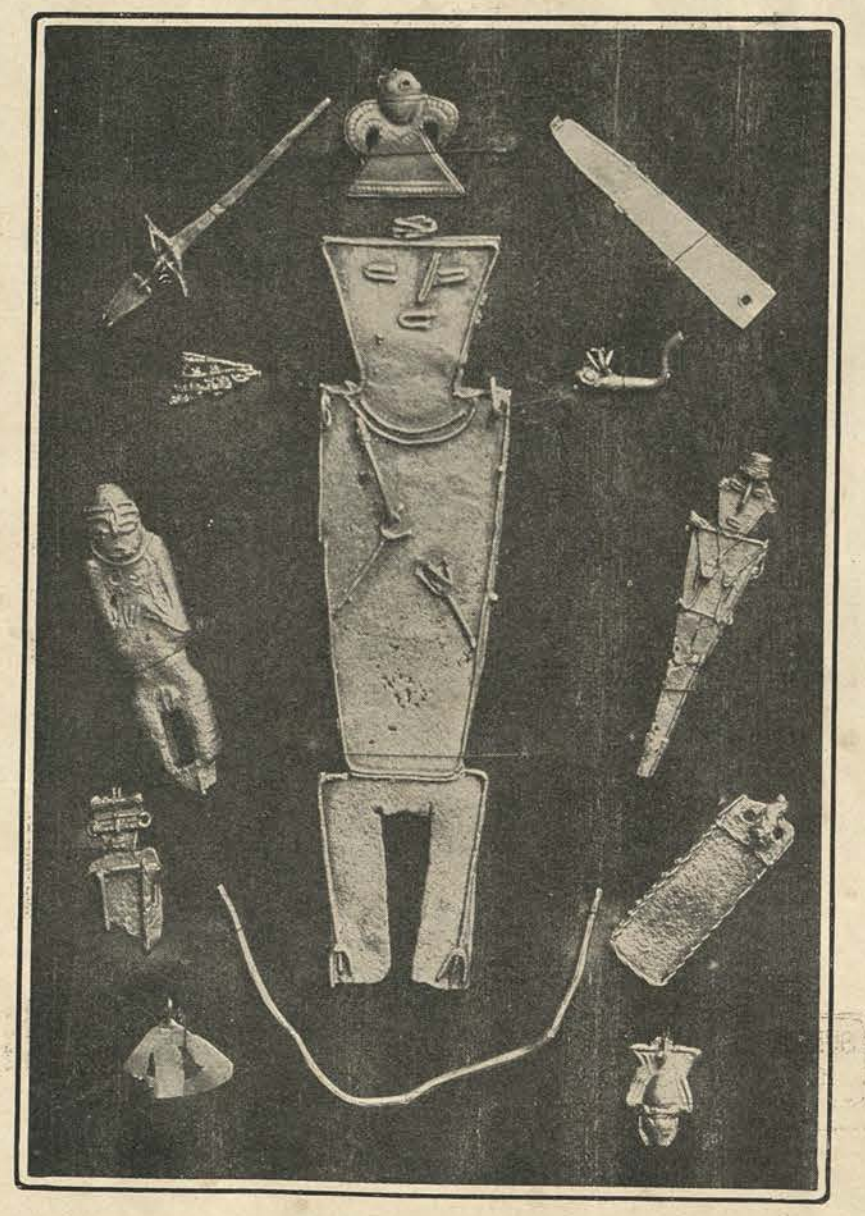
With a published traffic increase of £35,604, the hopes of Caledonian stockholders were at first optimistic, and an increased dividend of ½ per cent. on the Ordinary was tentatively suggested. In view of the fact that there has been no Glasgow Exhibition to help the Company this year, the figures are decidedly good, and the flatness of the stock during the last few days is attributable to fears of a new capital issue rather than to poor dividend estimates. It is, however, now thought that the Caledonian may not be able after all to advance its distribution, or to no larger extent than ¼ per cent. on the Ordinary at the outside.

The North British.

The North British Company has done the best of all the Scottish undertakings during the past six months. Its published traffic-increase of £31,238 may quite conceivably be swollen to the extent of at least a-third more when the accounts are adjusted, and perhaps a fair saving in the coal-bill is not too much to expect. It will be remembered that the North British was one of the very few Companies which increased its dividend for the first half of 1901, when the distribution on the Ordinary stock was raised from ½ per cent. to three-quarters. Under present circumstances, the market estimate of 1½ to 1¾ per cent. for the first half of 1902 does not appear extravagant, and, if the latter rate should be declared, North British Ordinary will look decidedly cheap.

Glasgow and South-Western.

Although the Highland Railway publishes a decrease in its estimated traffic receipts, the Company's saving in expenses may enable it to pay, perhaps, ¼ to ½ per cent. more dividend than it did a year ago, and the Great North of Scotland should fare even better than this, some of the Scottish prophets going for as much as 1 per cent. advance in the dividend on "Haddocks," which stock received nothing at all for the first half of 1901. Glasgow and South-Western Deferred got 1½ per cent. for that period, and the Company has the respectable increase in traffics of £13,242 with which to deal. After



IDOLS AND GOLDEN ORNAMENTS FOUND IN THE SACRED LAKE OF GUATAVITA.

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allowing on the one hand for under-publication and on the other for probable increases in expenditure, we should say that the Glasgow and South-Western would be fortunate if it saved an extra £5000 nett for dividend purposes.

ECHOES FROM THE HOUSE.

The Stock Exchange.

Now that I have come back from holiday-making, I find everybody else has taken advantage of my being away to follow my excellent example. The House is half-empty, clients are out of the reach of the telephone, office staffs are uncomfortably reduced, and, notwithstanding the crowds which turned out to see the Coronation Procession, the City proper appears to be all but deserted by those whom one is accustomed to meet daily and hourly. By the way, I was rather amused at meeting, on a well-known Swiss spot, the writer of those "Finance in a First-Class" conversations which every now and again appear in these pages. I said at the time that I supposed his unfortunate readers would be treated to a glacier or moraine conversation, and, out of mere pique, he must have written the thing which appeared in last week's *Sketch*. Having originated the idea, I feel that I ought to have at least half the fifty guineas or whatever it is which he receives for his contributions, and perhaps this subdued hint may not go unrewarded.

Passing from personal paragraphs—abhorrent at the best of times to a sensitive nature—it behoves the financial scribe to seriously address himself to the question of that "early revival" about which so much is spoken by the few who still remain faithful to their office-chairs. The client in the country, too, is just as anxious to hear about it as the City man, and we have to write long letters to rusticating customers giving them the why and wherefore of the slump in Kaffirs and the tumble in Consols, wishing the while that they would spend their time in the bathing-machines, or some other place where pen and ink are not available, if they cannot refrain from profitless inquisitiveness during the few days when Stock Exchange people hope to get home early to dinner. Let it not be imagined that I am by any means vexed at having to discuss such matters now: I should be so sorry if any of my readers ran away with the impression that they worried me.

After all is said and done, there is nothing particularly wonderful in the present condition of the Kaffir Circus. The mere absence of business in itself is quite sufficient excuse for the dulness of South Africans. Look at the luckless writers in the City pages of the daily papers. Only by wholesale quotation of one another can they scrape together enough copy to fill their Stock Exchange columns. One journal merely echoes the voice of another. Have you noticed how very few interesting, spicy allusions there have been of late in the daily papers concerning Home Rails? The reason for that is the absence of business secondly, and the absence of certain genial jobbers firstly. The latter gentlemen furnish practically all the leading papers with their railway facts, the colouring matter being a trifle different in some cases, while in others they are identical. Something of the same sort prevails in other markets, and the entire apathy of you, my patient reader, and your friends, is exercising a crystallising effect over us in the House. In days when there is nothing to do, prices always go down, and what you want to know is whether they will fall any further, isn't it?

The one bright star in the financial firmament is the steady unloading on behalf of the weaker bulls which has now been in progress for at least a month. Bit by bit, tired holders are being frozen out of their commitments, the stuffy weather helping to complete their disgust with markets in general. Those who sold three weeks ago are to be congratulated upon having taken what Kaffir profits remained to them, but my own experience is that these people look quite startled when it is suggested that prices are getting cheap again. They will have nothing more to do with the market at present, say they, which, being interpreted, means that they will rigorously eschew the Stock Exchange until such time as the next boomlet comes along, when they will hasten to repurchase at considerably higher prices than they would have done had they bought to-day. It cannot be too often repeated that a bad market, and not a good one, is the best to buy on, and, while I should emphatically discourage the building up of big bull-accounts, I would just as strongly advise the quiet buying of such popular favourites as Barney Consols or Johnnies, Anglo-French or Goldfields, Randfontein or Rand Mines, for which a demand is bound to spring up sooner or later. But such shares should be bought to be paid for, and not for contango purposes. Carry-over charges run away with more money than many people know, besides being a frequently disheartening process. Fifty shares now, fifty more later on if the price drops, and a further fifty after that upon any further relapse—all taken up; on these lines will the cool speculator make money in the long run, when the labour difficulty is lessened, the dynamite monopoly settled, and Johannesburg restored to a more normal course of life than at present prevails in that distressful Golden City.

I close. A full sense of their defects makes me feel I dare not read through these rambling notes, and already methinks the heavy hand of my Editor is on my shoulder, as he suggests that in future my letters should treat mainly of finance, instead of

THE HOUSE HAUNTER.

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J. B.—The shares you hold appear to be 19s. 6d. paid, with a liability of sixpence, and this liability you can be made to pay by law, whether you like it or not. We have not got the details of the reconstruction before us, but it does not appear attractive to pay up 8s. a-share more, and you cannot be made to do so. Probably, if you do not pay, you can get nothing for your interest; but consult a solicitor, who will, perhaps, require to see the agreement of July 11 before giving an opinion. It is possible the *M. A. P.* man believed in his tip.

PLYMOUTH.—We have the poorest opinion of the Copper-mine, also of the Rhodesian concern. A reef eighteen inches wide and going eight dwt. is a sorry thing.

MINERAL.—(1) We should hold the Cement shares, as there is a prospect of their improving. (2) Gas Light and Coke Ordinary or Grand Trunk First Pref. *Lady's Pictorial* 5 per cent. Pref. shares are also very good, and pay well. (3) The Bank is all right, but you must not forget the liability. It is remote, but, still, should not be lost sight of.

S. H.—(1) By reason of our going to press early last week, your letter could not be answered. We should hold the Schibaieffs, as the prices are improving and there is a prospect of a combination between the various Oil Companies. (2) No. (3) See last answer, or, if you are more adventurous, Grank Trunk Second Pref.

COLONIAL.—We have little faith in Rhodesian gold-mines, and advise you to let the shares of the Company you name alone—at any rate, for the present.

P. H.—(1) See answer to "J. B.," who is very much in the same position as yourself. We are afraid you cannot get out of the sixpenny call. If the case were our own, the new Company would see none of our money. (2) The Bonds are not swindles, but the firm in question ask more than the current market price, and you would do better to buy through a respectable broker, as you would get the same thing cheaper.

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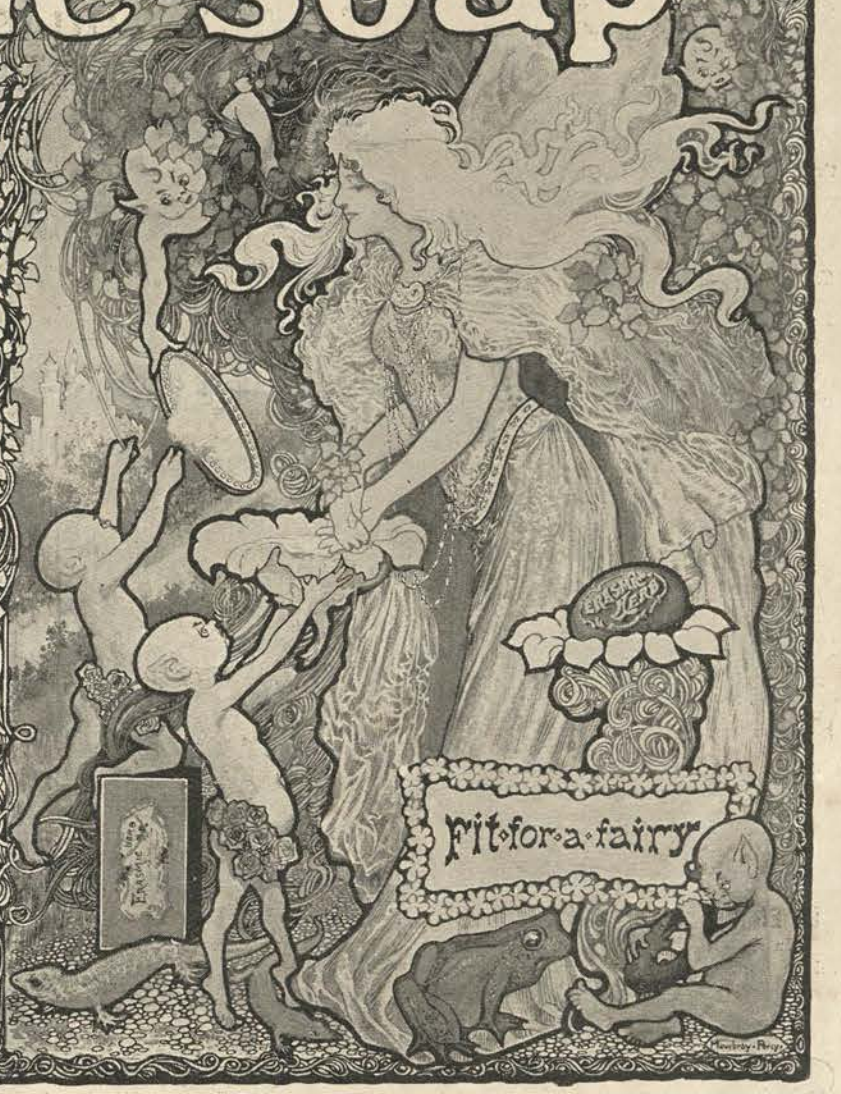

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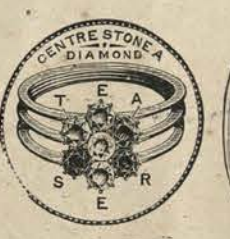

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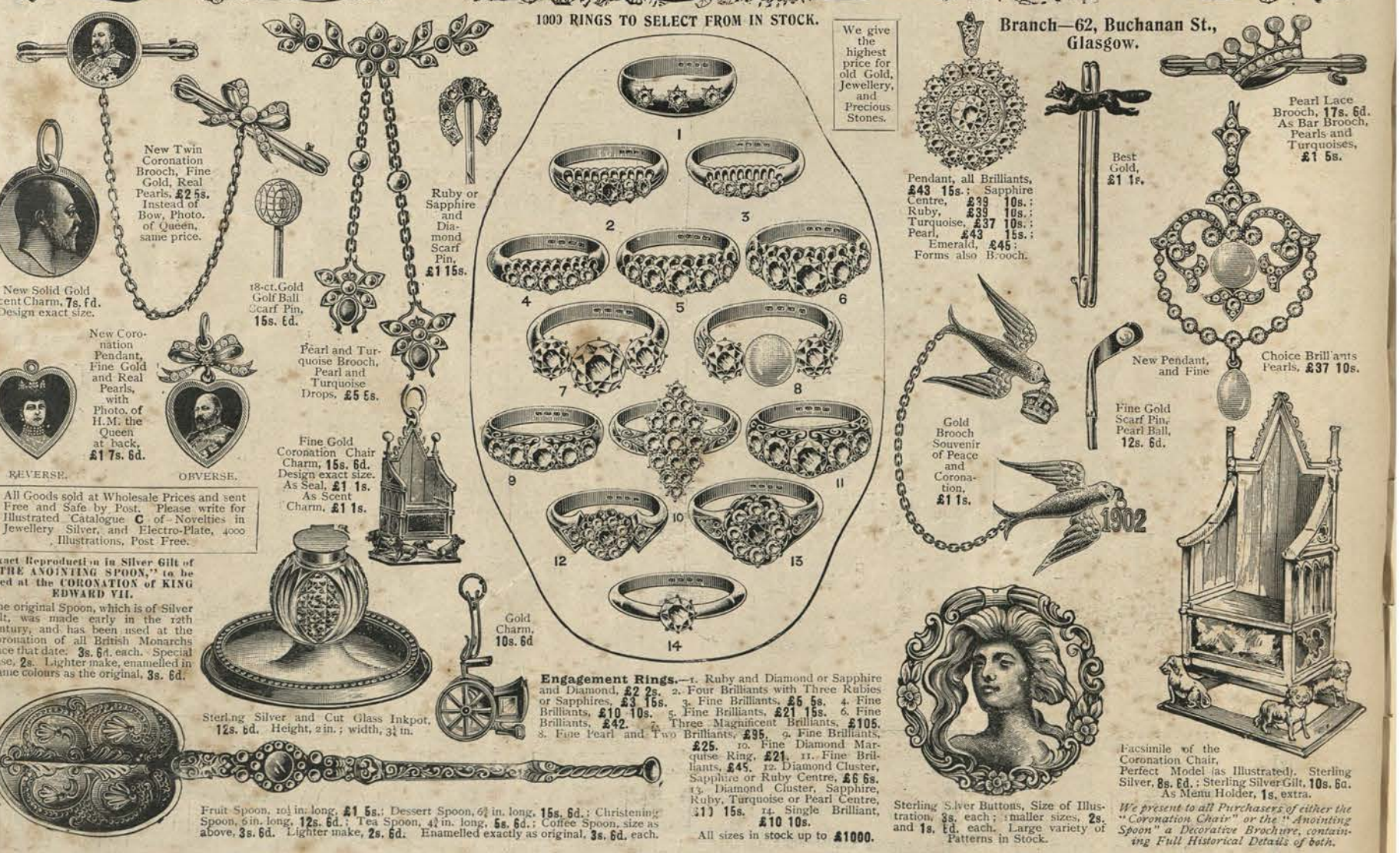

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His Majesty the King.

By LIEUT.-COLONEL NEWNHAM-DAVIS.

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AS SOLDIER.

Photograph by Russell, Baker Street, W.

The King as the Leader of Society

The whole of the life of Society takes its colour from the tastes of the King. For many years, His Majesty, as Prince of Wales, led Society, being the First Gentleman not only of Great Britain, but of Europe also, and the inner circle which makes and unmakes fashions has been accustomed to look to him for guidance. On the serious side of life, the King has been and is a leader in all great charitable movements and an encourager of all scientific advances. He has been in the forefront of the battle against disease, has given much personal attention to organisation, and used the magic of his great name for the benefit of the poor and the sick. King Edward's Hospital Fund has appealed to the givers of small sums of money in a way that no other hospital fund has ever done. Society has followed this charitable lead, and to take an interest in serious matters, to assist in the organisation of charities, to have a knowledge of the latest achievements of science, is quite the best of "good form." On the lighter side of life, the King has been the leader in the direction of the living of a healthy out-of-door life. Simple meals, good cooking, the life at cover-side or in the butts, sunny days on the Lawn at Goodwood, and the delight of a long afternoon on the deck of a racing-yacht, are all much to the taste of His Majesty, and though, when he honours some great lady by walking through her rooms at a reception, he enjoys the flowers and the music, the presence of the jewelled cohorts of Society, the sea of tiaras, to the utmost, and though in earlier days he was himself a most indefatigable dancer, the life that the King loves is the open-air life. The King is a patron of all the arts, and appreciates every side of every art. His private collection of pictures ranges from sketches by Pellegrini to Landseer's finest works and a few rare Old Masters, and he enjoys his evening at the Opera whether the Master of the evening be Verdi or Wagner. His Majesty's manner in Society is a quite perfect combination of ease and dignity. No man has ever felt ill at ease in the King's presence, and no man has ever been impertinent to His Majesty.

The King as a Soldier.

His Majesty entered the Grenadier Guards as a Prince, and has been a Grenadier Guardsman ever since, claiming his right to be present as a member, and not as a guest, at all regimental festivities, and at all official parades, such as the Trooping of the Colour, wearing a Grenadier tunic and bearskin just as often as those of the Honourable Artillery Company. The King has naturally had no opportunity to show skill as a soldier even in mimic warfare, but he has the *coup d'œil militaire*, and at an Aldershot field-day knows what the swarms of skirmishing soldiers are doing, what strategic plan the attacking General is developing, and where the vital spot in the defence will be found, as surely as any military expert on the field.

AS SAILOR.

Photograph by Hughes and Mullins, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

No inspecting General can judge the average physique of the men in a battalion on parade quicker than the King, and an ill-dressed officer catches his soldierly eye at once. As a Colonel-in-Chief, the King has shown his invariable tact. He has exercised his authority when necessary in a beneficent control of his Guard regiments, the 10th Hussars, and the Honourable Artillery Company, to mention those corps with which he has been pleased especially to identify himself, without in any way interfering with the power of the actual Commanding Officers. Through the length and breadth of the Service the King is hailed as the perfect Colonel.

THE KING AS A SPORTSMAN.

When autumn winds whirl the brown leaves from the trees, a change comes in the ordering of the days of leisure which the King spends in the country—at Sandringham, or Windsor, or at one of the great houses the owners of which are honoured by his presence as a guest. A good day's shooting has always tempted His Majesty, and at Holkham, at Hall Barn, or at other country houses which the King sometimes visits in the autumn, three days' perfect pheasant-shooting is provided for him. When the King purchased Sandringham, he personally superintended the arrangement of the covers and the cutting of the drives, and stocked the estate with a vast head of game. He has thus always been able to show as good sport as any of his

AS SPORTSMAN.

neighbours can to the party of eight or ten gentlemen—all, it is needless to say, first-class shots—whom he asks down to each "shoot." Windsor provides some excellent pheasant-shooting, and here, as at Sandringham, the King takes much personal interest in all the arrangements connected with the breeding of the game. The King is an admirable shot, a good man with a gun amongst good men, and he has few equals when the driven partridges come along with the wind like round-shot, or the pheasants whirr high over a drive. He is equally happy in a butt at a grouse-drive, and spends no pleasanter days than those at Balmoral and Mar Lodge. When the King, as Prince of Wales, visited India, he astonished all who were permitted to accompany him on the tiger drives in the Nipal Terai by his coolness and the sureness of his aim. As is usual when any very great personage goes after tiger, the best shots in India were put on the elephants on each side of the Prince, but his aim was so sure and his calculation of the right moment to fire so correct that it was soon seen that any guardianship was quite unnecessary. The King enjoys the amusement that the racecourse gives, and is always very cheerful and happy at Ascot and Goodwood and Epsom, whether his horses lose or win. Indeed, there is no better lesson in manners than to see His Majesty congratulate the owner of a racer which has just defeated one of his horses. When he ascended the Throne, there was some speculation as to whether His Majesty's career as an owner of racehorses would terminate; but, happily for the future of racing, the owner of Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee and Ambush II. still remains a great patron of the Turf. The King is a fine practical seaman, and always has been a great encourager of Corinthian Yacht Clubs and Corinthian racing, in which the members of the Clubs themselves man their yachts. He has owned more than one sailing-yacht, but *Britannia*, the splendid boat with which for a couple of seasons he swept the board of prizes, is the craft that His Majesty had the greatest liking for. He lived on board her throughout a portion of one season at Cannes, and has been pleased since he parted with the boat to occasionally accept the loan of her, and at Cowes last year she lay alongside the Royal Yacht, flying the King's flag.

HIS MAJESTY IN HIGHLAND DRESS.

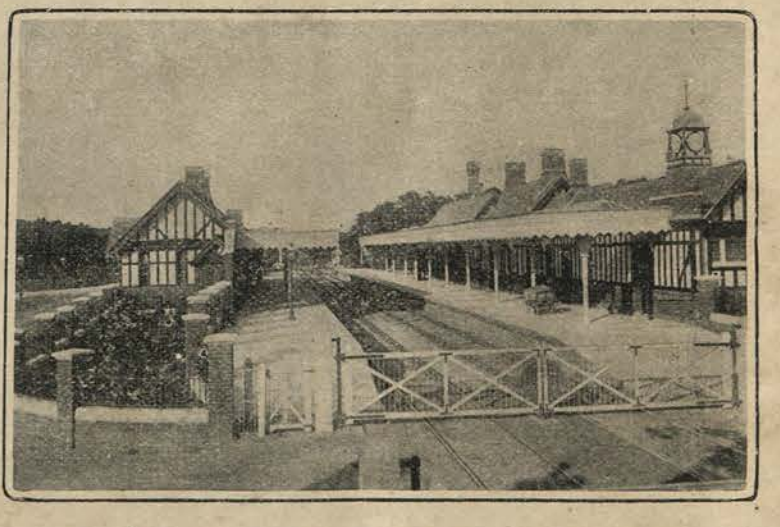
Photograph by Salmon and Batchan, New Bond Street, W.

THE KING AS A GOLFER.

The King's proficiency in the ancient and honourable game of golf gives the lie to those enthusiasts who say that a man, to be a good golfer, must begin as a child and learn the game as soon as he can walk. His Majesty has had links made at Windsor, and plays there as an enthusiast. He also occasionally plays at the two foreign towns, Homburg and Cannes, where he usually spends a few weeks in autumn and winter, and, as a result, the Golf Clubs at the German village of baths and the Riviera seaport town have become the foci of the Society of each place. Amidst the great trees of the Park at Homburg, with hurdles as bunkers, the King will, of an afternoon, sometimes play a round of the holes, the other players apparently being unaware of his presence on the links, for such is the Homburg etiquette; and on the daisy-pounced meadows of La Napoule, meadows which spring yearly into sudden winter greenness from their summer state of leagues of baked sand, His Majesty, the Patron of the Club, goes the round with the Russian Grand Duke Michael, who is the Club's President, often pausing at the delightful little Geisha cottage on the brink of the sea to take tea with the Countess Torby.

THE KING AS AN AUTOMOBILIST.

No pen-sketch, however slight, of the outdoor life of the King would be complete without an allusion to His Majesty's appreciation of the uses of the automobile and the exhilarating pleasure of a run



THE KING'S STATION AT WOLFERTON, NEAR SANDRINGHAM.

Photograph by James Temple.

over country roads. Before the automobile had been generally accepted as the vehicle of the future, His Majesty had seen its advantages, and on the roads between Windsor and London and on the country tracks round Homburg the sight of the King's horseless carriages became a familiar one. His Majesty has been enabled to run down to Windsor and back during a spare hour or two of an afternoon without ordering a special train, which entails the clearance of platforms and much marching of police and many orders, and in the past two or three years has seen more of England, away from the railways, than any British Sovereign has done since the days of those costly and cumbrous tours, Royal Progresses.

The King as a Country Gentleman.

The King has impressed his individuality more deeply on Sandringham than on any other of the palaces and great houses of which he is the owner, for he purchased the estate to make of it a country home where he and his Consort, the present gracious Queen, could live a pleasant outdoor life under a blue sky and with sylvan surroundings when it was possible to leave London and its Princely duties for a few days or weeks of peace and fresh air. The red-brick house, over the porch of which is carved the legend, "This House was built by Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, and Alexandra his Wife, in the Year of Our Lord 1870," is shrouded from the outside gaze by shrubberies and plantations in true British fashion, and it is typical, too, of our island nature that comfort and not palatial appearance was studied when it was rebuilt. Here the King becomes for the time a Norfolk squire, the kindliest of Lords of the Manor, and a most successful farmer; while Queen Alexandra is the most graceful of châtelaines and the most charitable of Lady Bountifuls. The King in the morning holds his Court of head-gamekeepers and stewards and overseers, and settles the matters concerning his own estate like the capable squire that he is, and, towards mid-day, there is a round to be made, with such of his guests as care to accompany him, of stables, the stalls occupied by admirable carriage-horses, gardens—Italian, Alpine, and Japanese—and kennels, where there is an amazing variety of dogs to be seen, for not only is the King much attached to his dogs, but he is also very catholic in the breeds from which he selects his favourites. Further afield, there are the home-farms to be visited, and the Shorthorns and the South Down sheep and the Norfolk pigs to be inspected, for His Majesty is a great breeder of fine animals, as the yearly prize-list at the great Show at Islington bears witness. Whilst the King busies himself as landlord and squire, Queen Alexandra goes her round, for she has the kennels in which her pet dogs live to visit, and sets her four-footed favourites scampering over the lawns, and has a hundred charitable duties to perform. An afternoon walk and dinner served at half-past eight complete a typical quiet summer day spent by the King and Queen at Sandringham.

The King as a Playgoer.

There is no better judge in the British Empire of the merits of a play than the King, and no more enthusiastic playgoer. The King sees the weak points of a play as quickly as any professional critic, and equally appreciates a fine display of acting. There are certain matters which the King considers should not be treated with levity on the stage, and any play which transgresses the limits of propriety in these respects the King will not go to see; but, this exception made, His Majesty witnesses and enjoys farces, tragedies, melodramas, and musical comedies—the whole répertoire, in fact, of the stage. In the early days, when he was Prince of Wales, he would frequently go, during an *entr'acte*, behind the scenes and chat with a favourite actor in his dressing-room for a minute or two, Dion Boucicault and Sothern being amongst the players thus favoured. Later, while still Prince of Wales, His Majesty entertained all the leading actors at Marlborough House. The King is personally acquainted with and takes an interest in the career of every actor of note, and at a great function or ceremony is generally graciously pleased to send for any prominent player who may have been invited and to speak a few words to him. When the King goes to the theatre, he does so with very little ceremony. In France, a Manager would not think that he had done his duty to a Royal visitor if he did not walk backwards before him to the Royal Box, bowing,

THE HALL, MARLBOROUGH HOUSE.

Photograph by Ralph, Dersingham.

and holding a three-branched silver candlestick. In England such ceremonies are dispensed with. The Manager is in attendance, and His Majesty may say a word or two to him; but the King generally takes his place in the box reserved for him without the public being apprised that he is present, though on some occasions the National Anthem is played. When Queen Alexandra accompanies the King, the leading actress of the theatre is often presented in the retiring-room behind the Royal Box, and gives Her Majesty a bouquet of flowers, the King saying a few pleasant words about the performance. Sometimes an actor-manager, or some player whose performance has particularly pleased the Royal critic, is sent for, and receives commendation, all the more valued because it is discriminate. The King knows how our cousins across the Atlantic value any mark of Royal approbation given to Americans, and the "invaders" receive their full share of Kingly appreciation. His Majesty, at one time, was as Parisian as any Boulevardier in his knowledge of the plays of the moment in the City of Light, and though, as King, he has not made any stay in the French Capital, he goes in England to see the performances of Mesdames Bernhardt, Réjane, Jane Hading, and other "stars" who cross the Channel. The King is a constant patron of the Opera, and, as Prince of Wales, was one of the subscribers to the Omnibus-box on the pit tier, where he sat facing the stage, hidden from the audience by the curtain of the box, but seeing everyone in the theatre by means of a large looking-glass which reflected the whole auditorium.

AS TOURIST.

Photograph by Voigt, Homburg.

THE KING AS A CLUBMAN.

The Club is a purely British institution. Other nations have copied our Clubhouses, but on the Continent every Club has a tendency to become a Casino, and Clubs and Club-life are only really to be found in the Anglo-Saxon countries. The King, being a good Briton, is a good Clubman, and has taken a close interest in the welfare of many Clubs. As King, His Majesty now denies himself many of the pleasures of Club-life, for his presence in a Club would necessitate the observance of certain small ceremonies on the part of members—the rising when he entered a room, and such compliments prescribed by etiquette—and he does not wish to interfere with the charming republicanism of Club existence. The King lives in the residential portion of the Jockey Club Rooms when he visits Newmarket, and takes a personal interest in the affairs of the Royal Squadron, which has, as Clubhouse, The Castle at Cowes. The Marlborough Club may be said to have been founded by the King, and the members of it were, to a great extent, the "Marlborough House set," to use a term much in vogue at the close of the last century. The Travellers' and the Garrick were both Clubs at one time or another in high Royal favour. His Majesty has always let it be known that he disapproves of the indiscriminate black-balling which has taken place, and does take place, at some Clubs, and the recent changes in the rules of the Yacht Squadron Club altering the proportion of black balls necessary to exclude a candidate met with undoubted Royal approval.

THE KING AS KING.

His Majesty King Edward reigns over an Empire more varied in climates and in races than that which any ruler has ever before held under one Crown. Kingship is the most difficult of all the professions, and not only must a King, like a poet, be born, but his education must be of the severest. To be a majestic central figure at all ceremonies of State, to have a knowledge of all the statesmen within his broad realm, and to treat men of all parties on exactly the same gracious level, never to forget a face, to say the right word at the right moment, to be a fine horseman and a perfect linguist, to be even-tempered and untiring, are some of the qualifications necessary for the man who fitly fills a Throne, and all these King Edward possesses to the highest degree. He is also far more than the centrals plendid figure of the British race, for he is a great factor in the world-drama played on the European stage. He is related to and respected by the most powerful of the earth's rulers, some of whom are autocrats and weld the policy of their nations, and the affection that the Czar and the Kaiser have for His Majesty is of more value to the nation than the representations of all our Ambassadors. Whatever the French may think of the English nation, they have the highest opinion of the English King, and, when Paris hails him as a true Parisian, Gaul pays His Majesty the highest compliment possible.

Emperor of the East, Sovereign of the Southern Seas and of the Canadian Snows, Lord of the freest nations of the world, His Majesty Edward VII. may claim it as his proudest title that he rules the hearts of the most loyal peoples of the earth.

AS CHANCELLOR OF THE WELSH UNIVERSITY.

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A GLIMPSE OF THE KING'S KENNELS AT SANDRINGHAM.

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Her Majesty the Queen.

By MARIE BELLOC-LOWNDES.

DELIGHTFUL as is Her Majesty's eternal youth, it is her goodness of heart and marvellously sympathetic nature which has so endeared her to the British people. Both as wife to the Heir-Apparent and as Queen Consort, she has had to fulfil many rôles, and it would be hard to say in which she has been seen to most advantage.

THE QUEEN IN HER BOUDOIR.
Photograph by Russell, Baker Street, W.

It is, however, with her personality as a woman that we are concerned to-day, and, though no Royal lady living can be more truly every inch a Queen, who can doubt that Her Majesty is never seen to greater advantage than when in the comparative seclusion of Sandringham, her beloved Norfolk home, of which the very name evokes a picture of the ideal English country-house presided over by Royal Squire and sweet Queen Bountiful? Even when their Majesties are enjoying there a brief holiday, every moment of Queen Alexandra's day is taken up with the many simple pleasures and duties which occupy Ladies of the Manor all over the kingdom.

The animal side of creation is very near our gentle Queen Consort's heart, and when at Sandringham she pays frequent visits to the stables, to the kennels, and to the aviary. The Queen, as is the case with every member of the Danish Royal Family, does not know the meaning of the word fear, and her four-footed friends are well aware of this fact; thus, the shyest horse and the most savage dog will come to her call, and she is seldom seen out-of-doors in the lovely gardens which are one of the most splendid features of the King's Norfolk estate without several dogs, Her Majesty's favourite companion being, as a rule, "Alix," a fine Russian hound which has now been the Queen's special pet for close on ten years, and has won many prizes at the leading shows.

However interested she may be in her own immediate surroundings, Queen Alexandra can always find time, when at Sandringham, to pay a visit of inspection to the admirable Technical Schools established by her many years ago, and where have been trained generations of girls, the daughters of King Edward's fortunate tenants and neighbours. The art of the needle is not there neglected, and, by the Queen's special wish, spinning and weaving—old-world feminine handicrafts too much lost sight of in the present day—are taught with excellent results. The Queen is herself very fond of spinning, and her beautiful old spinning-wheel, tied up with the Danish national colours, is often to be seen in the school. Much of the work done in the Sandringham Technical Schools has been shown at local and London Industrial Exhibitions, and the excellent superintendent, Miss Wolfe, has reason to be proud of some of the really beautiful articles turned out, particularly noteworthy being the woven tapestry, made in some cases from Continental designs supplied by the Queen.

In the Wood-carving School, also often visited by their Majesties, for the King has a very great admiration for this art, has been carved of late years much really admirable work, specimens of which are frequently sent to foreign Courts by Queen Alexandra, who herself is an enthusiastic patroness of the school.

One of the most delightful buildings on the Sandringham estate is

THE KING'S FAVOURITE PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN.
From a Painting by Edward Hughes.

the pretty, cottage-like erection known far and wide as the Queen's Dairy. There Her Majesty delights to entertain her guests to afternoon-tea, and even a brief sojourn in the bright tea-room,

THE QUEEN'S AVIARY AT SANDRINGHAM.
Photograph by Fall, Baker Street, W.

filled with souvenirs of Her Majesty's many friends, and containing some fine sporting trophies brought home from India by the then Prince of Wales, makes it clear with what practical interest the Royal hostess regards the most important side of the British farmer's life.

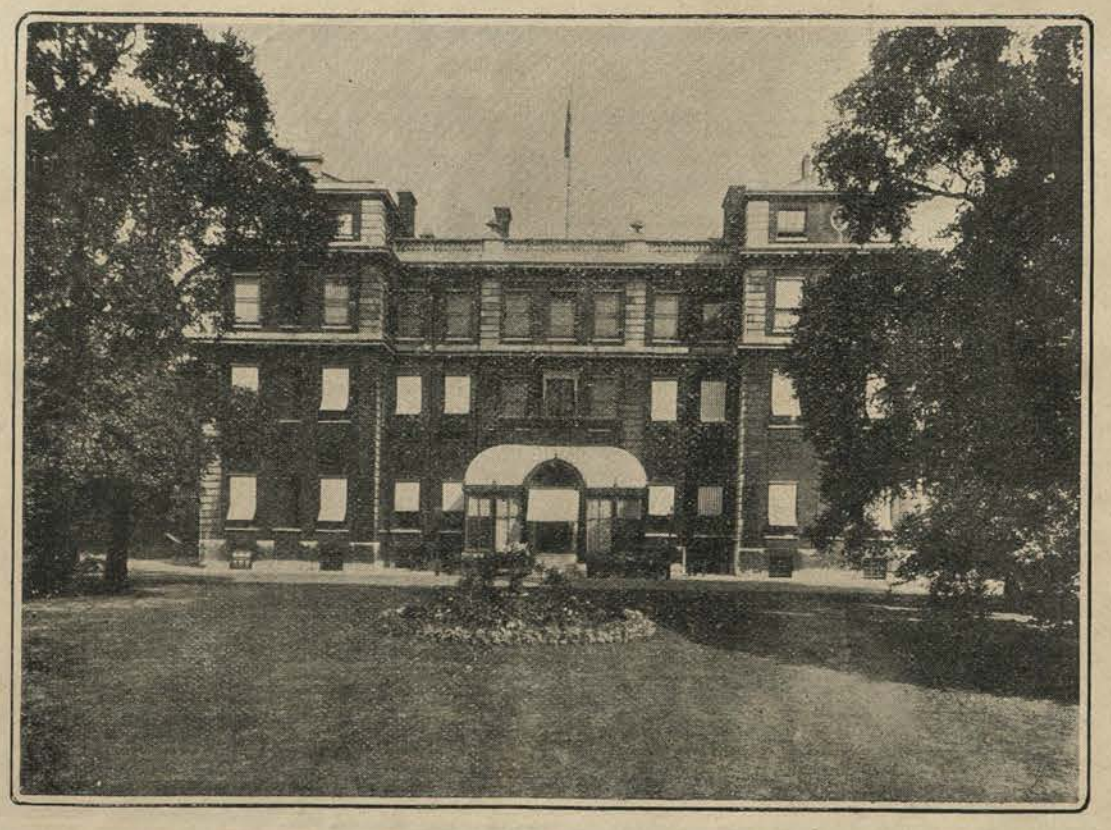
Very early in her married life the Queen mastered the mysteries of butter-making. She herself supervises the actual management of the dairy, and the King's three daughters were all taught, as girls, how to make both butter and cheese. The dairy and the butter-room are both lined with coloured tiles, some of which were brought home from India by the King. The churn used is the "Victoria," and farmers will be interested to learn that no separator is ever used in the Sandringham dairy. In the tea-room a striking feature of the decoration are tiles and plates, many let into the plain oak dado, painted by different artist friends of their Majesties, and which include much admirable artistic work contributed by the late Empress Frederick, by the Duchess of Argyll, and by the Queen's daughters, sisters, and nieces.

When the Queen is in the country, she naturally devotes a good deal of her spare time to that most entrancing of modern hobbies, gardening. In laying out the fine grounds which surround the King's country home, their Majesties had the assistance of many noted horticulturists, including several Royal gardeners, of whom, perhaps, the most successful and enthusiastic was the late Duke of Teck, who helped the Queen to lay out one of the prettiest of the flower-gardens.

"GRANNY AND THE BABY": THE QUEEN AND PRINCE EDWARD OF WALES.
Photograph by Downey, Ebury Street, S.W.

The Queen is often credited with having a special affection for some particular blossom. Like most humbler mortals who take pride and interest in the practical side of gardening work, Her Majesty sees each season producing a whole collection of favourite blossoms. In the spring, lilies-of-the-valley and white lilac hold the first place in her heart, and all through the summer the rose-garden is a wilderness of beauty, through which she often strolls. The Queen is fond of geraniums, and new varieties are generally seen in the gardens of Sandringham before they make their appearance elsewhere. The kitchen-gardens are wholly delightful, full of old-world charm, for broad herbaceous borders hide the less interesting tracts where are grown the splendid vegetables for the Royal table both at Sandringham and in town. The wild-flower garden is also a favourite resort of the Queen and of the Princess of Wales.

One of the little-known sides of Queen Alexandra's life is that connected with nursing and the nursing profession. Her Majesty has had much practical knowledge of nursing. She herself tended the then Prince of Wales through his terrible attack of typhoid fever in 1871, and Sir James Clarke, writing to his wife, observed that, with the one single exception of herself, he had never known so perfect a nurse as the beautiful Princess whose anxious vigils he was sharing at Sandringham. The Alexandra Nurses form an important adjunct to the Soldiers and



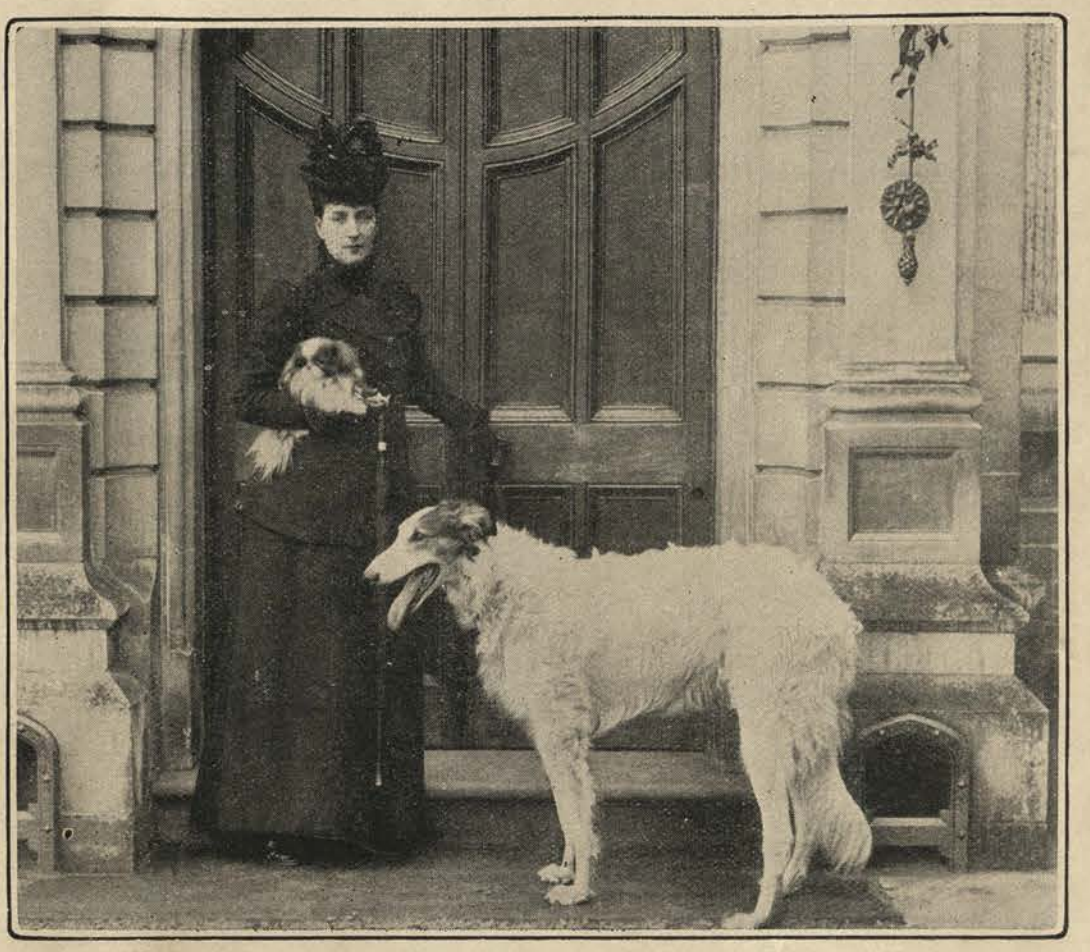
GARDEN SIDE OF MARLBOROUGH HOUSE.
Photograph by Ralph, Dersingham.

Sailors' Families Association, and during the last year the Queen has constantly shown the deep personal interest she takes in that admirable institution, the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses.

The Cottage Hospital at Sandringham is naturally the object of Her Majesty's special solicitude. The arrangements of the old farmhouse which was chosen as suitable for transformation into a hospital were all carried out under the supervision of the then Princess of Wales. Every room has been made as pretty and home-like as possible; the various texts and mottoes hanging on the walls were all chosen by the Queen, or by her daughters, and one of these is interesting owing to its antiquity and because it is said to be Her Majesty's favourite dictum—

Ask God for all you want,
Thank Him for all you have,
And never grumble.

The Queen's energetic efforts on behalf of the sick and wounded in South Africa culminated in the sending out of the hospital-ship *Princess of Wales*. Special arrangements were also made for the reception of several convalescent officers at Sandringham, a preference being given to those gallant Colonials who had come to the assistance of the Mother Country in her time of stress and difficulty.



THE QUEEN AND HER FAVOURITE DOGS.
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There is one side of Queen Alexandra's life of which the world knows comparatively little — that is, her love of outdoor life and sport. As a young married woman, she rode a great deal, and, at one time, she used often to accompany her two young sons to the Norfolk meets. Quite recently, Her Majesty has acquired a motor-car victoria, but she is very fond of driving, and does not seem to have become so enthusiastic a convert to the horseless carriage as is the King, whose liking for the motor is well known.

The Queen's favourite form of sport has long been fishing. When staying at Balmoral, or, as the guest of her beloved elder daughter, the Duchess of Fife, at Mar Lodge, the Queen spends many hours on the banks of the Dee. Her favourite fishing-rod is a comparatively light one, and can be easily carried, as it is in six sections. It is

THE QUEEN AT HER SPINNING-WHEEL.
Photograph by Ralph, Dersingham.

characteristic of Her Majesty's tenderness of heart that she cannot endure to see the use of live bait. When the Queen is out on a fishing expedition, she dresses in the simplest and most workmanlike fashion.

The Queen is a very good artist, fond of sketching in the open-air, and, long before the Kodak was invented, she was an eager and accomplished amateur photographer; but the art in which Her Majesty most excels is music. Both before her marriage and till comparatively recently she studied with all the best teachers and the leading pianists of the day. The late Sir Charles Hallé had a high opinion of her talent, and he once observed to a private friend that he had never had a more gifted amateur as a pupil. At one time, the then Princess of Wales, accompanied only by a Lady-in-Waiting as devoted to music as she was herself, often attended in incognito concerts given by famous foreign musicians making a short stay in London. This love of music is a taste which the King shares with the Queen; their Majesties are enthusiastic patrons of the Opera and have done everything in their power to encourage the teaching and the learning of music in this country. During the last few weeks, Queen Alexandra has given up a portion of her leisure to the discussion and arrangement of the Coronation Service music, and certainly the selection could not have been left in better hands.

Although the Queen has never been in any close sense associated with literature, she has always been a great reader and a lover of really good fiction. In every room habitually inhabited by her, notably in her boudoir at Marlborough House, bookcases have formed part of the regular furniture; indeed, the most striking feature of this latter apartment was the splendid Mitchell collection of volumes, valued at £10,000, left to the Queen some years ago, and arranged in dwarf bookcases of mahogany and gold round her own room.

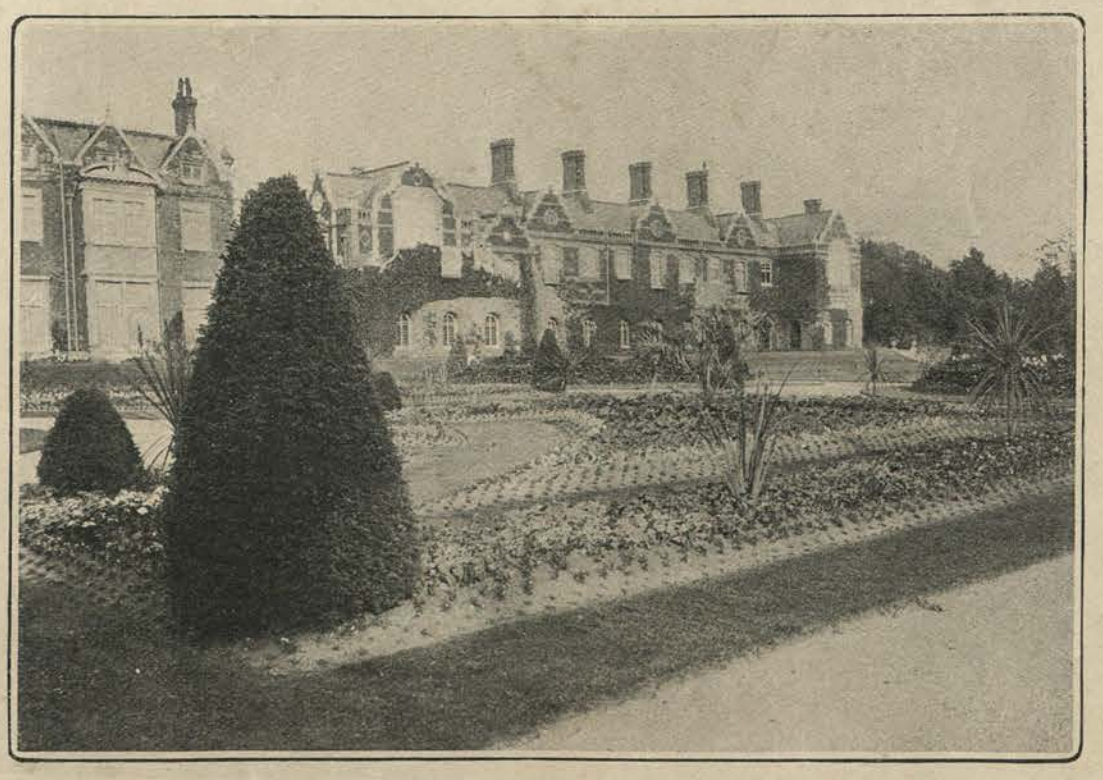
No account of the Queen, however slight, would be complete without some reference to her really beautiful taste in dress. As the world's arbiter of fashion, Her Majesty may be said to have succeeded the lovely Empress of the French, and certainly to no modern Princess have her fellow-women paid so much of that sincerest form of flattery, imitation. Again and again, Queen Alexandra, as Princess of Wales, created new and becoming fashions. Of these, undoubtedly the most popular and the most charming was the close Princess bonnet, which still suits Her Majesty's beautifully shaped head more perfectly than does any other style of headgear. Neatness is the most characteristic feature of the Queen's dress; she never encouraged by precept or example the so-called "picturesque" styles which are suited only to the very wealthy, and when in the country she still wears short, serviceable skirts. As to what is Her Majesty's favourite colour, as a bride and as a youthful matron she constantly wore blue; of late years she has been much in mourning, and since the death of the late lamented Duke of Clarence she has never been seen in any really bright colour. The fact that the Queen almost invariably wears materials of British make—of Irish and British silks, of Scottish homespuns, of Welsh flannels, and so on—has undoubtedly given a great impetus to our home industries, and Her Majesty has certainly brought about a revival of the many lovely Irish laces which now play so important a part in the gala costumes of our great ladies.

INSIDE THE QUEEN'S DAIRY AT SANDRINGHAM.
Photograph by James Temple.

The most popular portrait ever taken of Queen Alexandra as Princess of Wales was one showing her in the character of a lovely young mother carrying her eldest baby pick-a-back. A companion photograph, showing the Queen with Prince Edward of Wales, and entitled, by her own wish, "Granny and the Baby," was published some years ago, and proved almost as great a favourite as its predecessor had been.

Not the least charming side of the Queen's complex character is her love for her little grandchildren. Many women without a tithe of Her Majesty's claims to eternal youth do not care to be seen with those whose presence cannot but be a reminder of fleeting time. Queen Alexandra is never happier, never seen to more true advantage, than when surrounded by her own and the King's descendants. With little children she ever seems peculiarly at home, and at many of the great Coronation functions the Princes of Wales and their pretty curly-headed sister were often seen gathered about her knee.

This is scarcely the place to speak of the Queen as a leader of Society, and yet who can doubt that Her Majesty, much as she loves the privacy of her home-life at Sandringham, feels that she has a duty to perform to the great world which, owing to the many sad bereavements that overwhelmed Queen Victoria, has remained too long apart from the Court and Court life? As Princess of Wales, Edward the Seventh's Consort formed many intimacies in her adopted country, and she is godmother to quite a number of the Coronation Season débutantes, a fact which shows how close has been the Queen's past friendship with many of the great ladies who now form her Court and to whom she gives in every relation of life so admirable and womanly an example.



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A NOVEL IN A NUTSHELL.

A CORONATION MARRIAGE.

By ESTELLE BURNEY.

Illustrated by Ralph Cleaver.

ISS SAIDIE HORN, nothing doubting, had arrived in town for the Coronation, and she meant having a very good time. From far-off Glossop, California, did she hail, a town that may be searched for in vain on the map; but it's there, for all that, and Miss Saidie was certainly all there!

It was her first visit to Europe, Mr. Horn, by a curious inadvertence, having omitted until quite lately to become a millionaire. As Saidie put it, more in sorrow than in anger, he was so thoughtless; indeed, of their modest beginnings she would discourse without any false shame, and all the ship's crew had heard on her voyage over by what stroke of luck her "Poppa" had made his pile just in time to land her in the British Isles for the great event. Impossible to bring him with her—he was still too new at money-making for that, and felt compelled to stop and look on at the process—and her "Momma," struck all of a heap at the unexpectedness of their good fortune, had taken such a long time turning round that Saidie had started off without her. She might possibly follow.

Now, of course, Saidie had learnt many things coming over. She wasn't above learning, for, as she said with much truth, when you are fly, you hear all folks have to say, and you believe as much as you like of it. For instance, she was assured on all hands that the Abbey on the 26th June—her destination, plainly—was likely, to say the least of it, to be rather full, and that her chance of occupying that slap-up seat facing, if possible, King Edward VII. and his beautiful Consort—but she wouldn't stick at that—was, well, somewhat problematic.

This piece of information had so far weight with Saidie that her first care, on depositing her boxes at the hotel, was to sally forth and secure that seat right away. Bond Street, to begin with; and she flitted in and out of the theatre-ticket agencies of that aristocratic quarter so distracting a vision of youthful grace and bewitching audacity it was no wonder that the clerks in possession, taken aback at the apparition, were at a loss and altogether failed to make the situation plain to Miss Horn. She treated them with gentle patience at the start, but their absurd inability to provide her with what she wanted—("Snakes alive! What were they there for?")—did finish by getting on her nerves; and, at the end of an exhausting morning, Sadie had an idea.

A man, clearly, that was her affair. A man to do the dirty work! She had had about enough of ramping round on her own account, and, in a flash, she had signalled to a hansom and was on her way to Berkeley Square.

"Be sure you look up my good friend, Lord Balham," had been her father's parting injunction. He knew Lord Balham intimately, having once dined with him at a public dinner some ten years earlier. "He told me to call when I was passing Berkeley Square. Mention me, Josiah Horn, and he will show you the ropes."

And so he should, agreed Saidie within herself, for the shilly-shally ways of this stick-in-the-mud old country didn't suit her book; it required a native to do them justice—a point that she was explaining, with her sweetest smile, to a giant in powder on his Lordship's doorstep when that eminent Peer, driving up in his private brougham, alighted and joined her.

A widower, the Earl of Balham, of retiring disposition and scientific tastes; he had truly mourned his Countess, but there is a time for all things, and a man with a passion for natural history has consolations the vulgar wot not of. The study of the humble ant may prove very soothing at a heart crisis.

His age? Less venerable than Saidie seemed to think, and he caught himself wondering whether he wouldn't tell her so, as he followed her into his study. But her confidence in "Poppa's friend" was not to be lightly overthrown, and the Lord of Balham, basely accepting it, inquired with much interest after Mr. Josiah Horn's health, and learnt with pardonable dismay what was expected of himself. Beyond the fact that, on a certain morning of the coming June, he was to sally forth, tastefully arrayed in velvet and ermine, and do homage to his Sovereign, the Coronation fever had touched him but lightly; still, some rumours of the outer world had reached him, and he realised to the full the enormity of Miss Saidie's request.

Get her a seat in the Abbey—or the moon!

Meantime, Saidie rippled on, full of self-congratulation at the short-cut she had found out of her difficulties.

"Well, now, and you were an inspiration! I was beginning to think I had better go right along to Marlborough House."

Eh? What? "He" didn't live at Marlborough House any more? No more "he" did, she remembered, but was clearly of opinion that, whatever "his" duties might be, "his" pleasure was to personally superintend the well-being of his American friends. "For we all know 'he' likes Americans; and as for us, well, we just delight in 'him.'"

Aghast at the responsibility thus lightly thrust upon him, and thankful that he was, at least, in time to advise against that visit to Marlborough House, the poor man, yielding to his destiny, suggested lunch at the Carlton, hoping that, under cover of a friendly meal, he might find courage to explain matters to Miss Saidie. And away they went, Saidie quite pleased with herself and easily taking her escort for granted.

Now, it's bad for any man to live too long with beetles—the first feminine thing to rouse his attention from a prolonged study of the ways of the ant has him at an unfair advantage; and Lord Balham, before the close of that luncheon, began to wonder (though he still kept his head enough to know he was a fool) if perchance there was, or might, or could be a way into that Abbey for Saidie on the 26th. She was pleasantly indifferent as to the means by which she was to attain her desire; all that she left in perfect security to her new-found friend, while she gave her own undivided attention to the gown she would wear on the historic occasion, asked his Lordship's advice on the momentous question, and laughed and chatted and chaffed her way into that fascinated nobleman's heart.

When he left her, late on in the afternoon, at her hotel—for, after lunch, they had spent some three delightful hours seeing the sights new to Saidie and long ago forgotten by his Lordship—hope told a flattering tale, and for the rest of the evening he was devising the most wonderful schemes by which to capture the coveted seat.

But, alas, with the morning light, cold experience put in a reminder, for, if he wasn't at the last Coronation, he had lived through two Jubilees. Impossible! That sweet, pretty, little girl was indulging in an idle dream. He would rush off at once and tell her so.

The thought held consolation, and he reached her hotel as she was breakfasting. He had forgotten that necessary meal, but accepted tea at her hands, and presently found himself swept into her plans for the day. Which should it be—the Tower or the Mint? They did both, Lord Balham, in this whirl of pleasure, growing hourly so

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TO LET, an equal PARTNERSHIP in a well-known SHOOTING of about 5,000 acres, together with the joint use of a well Furnished SHOOTING BOX, and maintenance, etc. The shooting affords some of the best partridge driving in the Eastern Counties, and is only one mile from a station and three hours from London.—Apply Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,082.)

LYNDHURST.—To be LET, for the Summer months, a charming RESIDENCE, standing on very high ground, surrounded with upwards of ten acres of pleasure grounds, with private entrance to the New Forest; fifteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, large hall, dining room, drawing room, four reception rooms, housekeeper's room, servants' hall, etc.; stabling for five, and men's rooms; tennis lawn, and productive kitchen garden; golf links within two miles. Photo.—Apply Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (13,695.)

G.N.R. MAIN LINE (one-and-a-half miles from a station, and five miles from an excellent market town on the borders of Northants, Rutland, and Lincolnshire).—A very desirable GRASS FARM of about 135 acres, together with a moderate-sized stone-built Manor House, dating from the early part of the XVIIth Century, to be SOLD. The land is good old pasture, well watered. The Residence is placed amidst well-timbered surroundings, gardens and grounds, and there are substantial farm-houses and conveniences. Tithe and land tax free. Price £6,200.—Inspected by Messrs. WALTON and LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (14,516.)

ON THE SURREY HILLS (surrounded by the most lovely scenery in the county, and only one-and-a-half miles from a station, 45 minutes from Town).—To be SOLD, Freehold, a most perfectly-appointed RESIDENCE, occupying a magnificent site on sandy soil, commanding beautiful views in all directions. The premises, which are in faultless order, have been erected regardless of cost for the occupation of the owner, and every detail has been carried out in the best possible style; lounge hall, suite of reception and billiard rooms, ten bed and dressing rooms, three bathrooms, housekeeper's room, and excellent offices; stabling for five, men's rooms, cottage, etc.; electric light everywhere, and Company's water laid on; undulating grounds of six acres, possessing many attractive features. The Property is bounded on two sides by a beautiful heath with capital golf links.—Inspected and very highly recommended by Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,089.)

TO BE LET for the Summer months, the above delightful RESIDENCE, standing 200ft above sea level, in well wooded grounds of about 29 acres, embracing charming pleasure grounds with tennis lawns, kitchen garden, glasshouses, etc.; six reception and billiard rooms; eighteen bed and dressing rooms, and fitted bathroom; stabling for six; Southampton golf links about half-a-mile distant; fishing, shooting, and yachting can also be had. The Property would be SOLD.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. PERKINS & SONS, the Auction Mart, Southampton; and Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W., from whom orders to view may be obtained. (17,407.)

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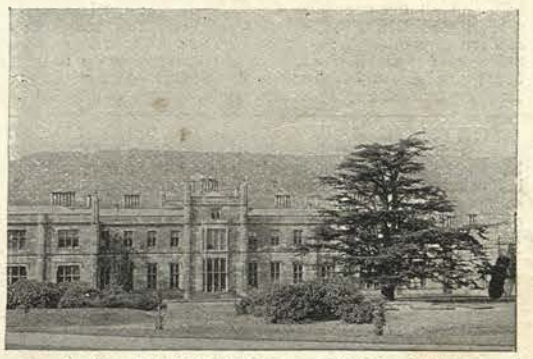
FREE ON APPLICATION.

MESSRS. WALTON & LEE publish two large REGISTERS, containing a selection of the best RESIDENTIAL ESTATES, Country Residences, Shootings, Hunting Boxes, Fishings, etc., for SALE or to be LET, Furnished or Unfurnished, in all parts of the United Kingdom. The best and most reliable published. On receipt of a memorandum, indicating the class of property required, Messrs. WALTON & LEE will return a specially marked list, showing at a glance descriptions of those places answering the requirements of the applicant.—Offices, 10, Mount Street, London, W.



TO LET, FURNISHED, ERSKINE HOUSE, in the county of Renfrew, with or without the Shootings.—"Erskine House" stands on rising ground above the Clyde. It is two miles from Bishopston Station, on the Caledonian Railway Line between Glasgow and Greenock and Gourock. The accommodation consists of outer and inner entrance halls, very handsome corridor, 40 yards in length, large dining and drawing rooms, library, billiard room, boudoir, sixteen bedrooms, eight dressing rooms, three bathrooms, nineteen servants' rooms, and ample domestic offices, etc. The drainage and sanitary arrangements have been completely overhauled at the sight of the West of Scotland Sanitary Association, and are now in a perfect condition; there is an ample supply of good water. The stables are situated within a convenient distance of the Mansion, and contain accommodation for fourteen horses, there are two large coach-houses, harness room, accommodation for coachman and grooms, etc.; also byre, piggeries, outhouses, etc.; the kennels are commodious. The policies and pleasure grounds are very extensive, the garden is large and productive, and there are vineries, peach-houses, etc. The shootings extend to 5,000 acres or thereby; the ground has been very lightly shot, and the covers extend to about 300 acres; a grouse moor with low ground shooting, extending in all to about 3,800 acres, belonging to the proprietor of Erskine, will be available in two years, and a Let thereof might be arranged for before that time if desired. There is a lake of fourteen acres affording some trout fishing.—For further particulars apply to Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (on the borders of Worcestershire, and close to Stratford-on-Avon).—The highly important Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY known as the "Norton Hall Estate," situate about four miles from the town and station of Campden, eight miles from Evesham, nine miles from Stratford-on-Avon, and two miles from Honeybourne Station. The Property comprises an area of about 518 acres, and includes the above charming Family Mansion, situate in a well-timbered and extensive park, and occupying a delightful situation about 300ft. above sea level. The Residence, which is surrounded by singularly attractive pleasure grounds, contains two fine halls, five handsome reception rooms, 29 bed and dressing rooms, and commodious offices and cellarage. There is excellent stabling for a large stud, with men's rooms and stud groom's cottage. The kitchen gardens are exceedingly productive, and have a full complement of glass and a gardener's cottage. At a convenient distance from the Mansion is a first-class set of home farm-buildings, with a superior farm-house and eight cottages. The Property is situate in the midst of one of the most pleasant pastoral districts of England, and the whole has been kept by the present owner in the very best order. The water supply and drainage are excellent. A considerable portion of the Property is first-rate grazing land, which can always be let off at high rents. For its size the Property is unique as an all-round Sporting Estate, affording first-class shooting and capital fishing, while hunting may be had with the Warwickshire, North Cotswold, and the Heythrop Hounds.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE will offer the above for SALE by AUCTION, at the Mart, London, E.C., on Wednesday, June 11th, 1902, at 2 o'clock p.m., unless previously Sold Privately.—Particulars of Messrs. ROWCLIFFES, RAWLE & Co., Solicitors, 1, Bedford Row, London, W.C.; or of the Auctioneers, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

MESSRS. WALTON & LEE,
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NOTICE OF SALE PRIOR TO AUCTION.

THE STEDE COURT ESTATE, Harrietsham, near Maidstone, extending over an area of upwards of 450 acres, and comprising the fine old MANORIAL RESIDENCE, magnificently timbered park, pasture, woodlands, etc.—Messrs. WALTON & LEE beg to announce that the above Residential Estate, which was advertised to be offered for SALE by AUCTION, at the Mart, London, E.C., on Wednesday, July 11th, 1902, has been disposed of by Private Treaty.—Offices, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS, WITH SHOOTING.

THE above handsome MANSION, situate in a favourite midland county, would be LET, Furnished, for the Summer months with about 3,000 acres of partridge shooting, It is seated in a splendidly timbered deer park, is approached by carriage drive with entrance lodges, and contains suite of handsome reception rooms, ballroom, billiard room, about 30 bed and dressing rooms, and well-arranged offices; also large theatre; stabling for eleven horses; charming and inexpensive grounds, tennis and croquet lawns, kitchen gardens; 3,000 acres partridge shooting, and about four miles of river fishing; rabbit warren; bag last year 1,800 in two days; golf club nine miles; desirable society.—Personally inspected and recommended by Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (16,191.)

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND.—To be SOLD, a most beautiful RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING DOMAIN of several thousand acres, bounded for a considerable distance by a salmon river, besides having several lochs and streams well stocked with trout. The shooting is particularly good, and the whole Estate abounds with the usual moor and lowland game. The Mansion occupies an elevated position, southern exposure, and is surrounded by wooded policies of about 250 acres. There is also a fine Dower House replete with all modern conveniences. The farms and buildings are in excellent order, and the total rental is over £2,700 per annum.—Apply Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,213.)

AN exceptionally charming COUNTRY HOME in the prettiest part of Huntingdonshire, conveniently near to good town and station, to be LET, Furnished. The House stands high in a sheltered position, with southern aspect, and commands delightful views; it is approached by carriage drive with entrance lodge, and contains three reception, eleven bed and dressing rooms, and offices; stabling, carriage house, etc.; attractive grounds, kitchen garden, in all about seven acres. Rough shooting over 200 acres; boating and fishing close by; excellent water supply and sanitation. Rent, including Unfurnished lodge and shooting, £150 per annum.—Messrs. WALTON and LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

A PRINCELY PARADISE.

THE ABOVE PALATIAL HOME, encircled by beautifully-timbered park-like lands of about 300 acres, would now be SOLD, under exceptional circumstances, at a price representing less than the cost of the Residence alone. It is magnificently appointed, and occupies a grand position on the coast, some 500ft. above the sea level, commanding superb views. It contains one of the finest entrance halls in the kingdom, handsome suite of reception rooms, and about 25 bedrooms; ample stabling; delightful grounds; entrance lodges; near station, church, doctors, etc.; water supply and sanitation excellent, and the house is lighted by gas, and heated throughout. The land is principally rich feeding pasture, with suitable buildings.—Personally inspected by Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (16,700.)

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199, PICCADILLY, LONDON, W.
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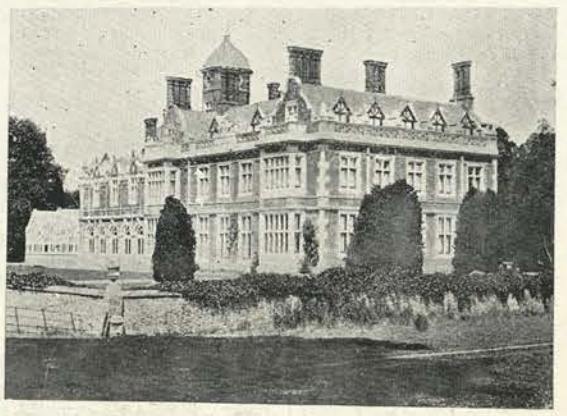
ON GRAVEL AND SANDY SOIL; beautiful, high, and bracing situation, two miles from a station whence London is reached in 40 minutes by express.—For SALE, an exceptionally choice ESTATE of about 26 acres, with a remarkably well-appointed Residence, containing spacious halls and reception rooms, about twelve bed and dressing rooms; gas and water laid on; stabling for five, model farmery, two cottages; fine old timbered grounds, lawns, kitchen and fruit gardens, glass, etc., and well-timbered parkland; all in perfect condition.—Price of ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W. Highly recommended.



TO BE SACRIFICED.—The above exquisitely-appointed Family MANSION, seated amidst grand old park and lands of over 100 acres. The accommodation includes about 20 bed and dressing rooms, suite of elegant reception rooms, 32ft. by 20ft., 30ft. by 20ft., 29ft. by 20ft., etc. Winter garden; stabling, lodges, cottages, and farm-buildings. Under two hours from London.—Price and full particulars of the Agents, Messrs. ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

IDEAL SMALL SPORTING.—£10,000.—Gentleman's RESIDENCE and approaching 300 acres of land, affording unequalled facilities for rearing, with its numerous well-placed coverts. The House is seated on high ground in old grounds and extensive park, and contains ten bedrooms, billiard room, etc.; kitchen and walled fruit gardens, glasshouses, shady old lawns; stabling, cottages, farmery, all in excellent order. The district is a most beautiful one, convenient for rail; a drive from an old town whence London is reached within two hours; golf. Recommended.—Plan with the Agents, ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

YORKS.—Attractive small ESTATE, beautifully timbered, and approaching 500 acres, one half grass and arable and one half woods and moorland. Gentleman's small Residence, in perfect order; entrance lodge, stabling, farmsteads, etc. £11,000.—Plan with ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

FIRST-RATE TROUT FISHING and moderate-sized MANSION to be SOLD, or might be LET, Furnished, for a term. It is situate within a short drive of a good town on main line station, just about two hours from London. The Residence contains about 20 bedrooms, handsome reception rooms; stabling for about seven horses, small farmery, and the grounds are magnificently timbered, with beautiful flower gardens, large lawns, excellent walled kitchen garden, etc., extending in all to about 50 acres; the fishing extends to about one-and-a-half miles, chiefly on both banks.—Personally inspected by ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W. (U. 6122.)

NORTH OF ENGLAND.—Remunerative investment.—MANORIAL ESTATE; sporting over approaching 1,500 acres, with a moderate-size Mansion, in perfect order; electric light, etc.; land all let to good tenants; all in ring fence; well watered, being bounded by a stream.—Price, plan, and all details of Messrs. ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

ESTATES AND COUNTRY HOUSES.—The extensive Printed LIST will be forwarded post free, six stamps.——Messrs. ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W., and branches.

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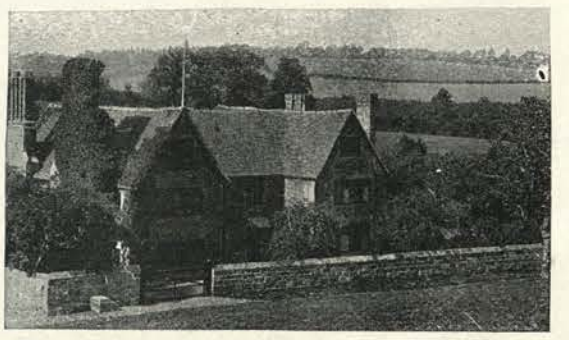
FURNISHED HOUSES.

ELIZABETHAN MANOR HOUSE (WITHIN ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS OF TOWN).



TO ANTIQUARIANS.—This charming old RESIDENCE, considered to be one of the finest examples of Elizabethan Manor House in the United Kingdom, are beautifully Furnished with valuable old furniture, will be LET for the Spring and Summer months. There are thirteen bedrooms, bath, a charming suite of reception rooms, servants' hall, and all the necessary domestic offices; the House is in perfect condition, with handsome panelled rooms and hall; all modern conveniences; stabling for four; grounds of two-and-a-half acres; capital hunting, fishing in trout stream on Property, boating in lake, and shooting over 300 acres.—For rent and all further particulars apply to the Agents, as under. (2855 A.)

NORTHANTS.—A picturesque Elizabethan MANSION, standing in a finely-timbered park of 65 acres; seventeen bed and dressing rooms, large bath, drawing, dining, morning, billiard, and ante-rooms, good hall, capital domestic offices; stabling accommodation for nine horses; well laid-out and productive grounds of five to six acres; modern drainage. To be LET, Furnished, for six months or less, at a very moderate rent. (2857 A.)

IN THE OLD BERKSHIRE HUNT.

BERKS (within three-and-a-half miles of an important junction station, with splendid service of trains).—To be LET, Furnished, for a term, a fine old MANSION, standing in a well-timbered park of 60 acres. The accommodation comprises 22 bed and dressing rooms, bath, five very fine reception rooms, extensive offices; stabling accommodation for nine horses; five cottages and home farm, with ample buildings, the whole Estate embracing an area of about 260 acres. Possession Michaelmas. Terms on application. (2849 A.)

400FT. ABOVE SEA.

IN THE LOVELY LISS DISTRICT.—A pretty old-fashioned gabled HOUSE, in well-wooded and shady grounds of two acres; nine bed, bath, three reception rooms, servants' hall, and capital offices; stabling for four, etc.; beautiful situation, with lovely views. To be LET, Furnished, for Summer. (2859 A.)

PICTURESQUE RESIDENCE AND ESTATE, 45 acres (easy run of Town).—Essentially a gentleman's Property, with a perfectly-fitted Residence of very attractive character; twelve bed, bath, three reception rooms; stables and good buildings. The land is extremely prettily timbered; good views, bright sunny situation; beautiful and inexpensive ground. A bargain; £6,500.—Inspected and strongly recommended. (9541.)

HERTS (25 miles from Town, within a mile of an excellent station with a capital service of trains, standing high, with lovely views, in its own beautifully-shaded and secluded grounds).—To be SOLD, a handsome and imposing RESIDENCE, of most picturesque appearance, with stone-mullioned windows, and now partially creeper-clad, very soundly constructed, and in perfect order. The House is approached by a carriage drive, and contains entrance hall, inner hall, fine drawing room, dining room, library 20ft. by 16ft., and a smoking room of same size. The domestic offices are well-arranged and convenient. On the first floor are four bed chambers, two capital dressing rooms, and a bathroom; on the second floor are four attic bedrooms, three other rooms, from which very fine views are obtained; conservatory, greenhouses, and excellent stabling, coach-house, harness room, lofts, etc.; good outhouses, potting sheds, etc. The grounds are of exceptional beauty, and contains many forest and ornamental trees, affording perfect seclusion; at the rear are fine terraced lawns, tennis or croquet lawn, kitchen gardens, and two park-like paddocks, covering an area of nearly six acres in all. The House has west aspect, stands on sandy soil; Company's water and gas laid on; main drainage on latest scientific principles; golf links near. Price very moderate.

WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF LONDON.—To be SOLD, a picturesque Modern RESIDENCE, standing in the midst of well-timbered and laid-out grounds of sixteen-and-a-half acres. It contains entrance hall, inner hall, four reception rooms and billiard room, capital domestic offices, with servants' hall, nine bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.), three servants' bedrooms; stabling for five, coach-house, harness room, etc.—Full particulars on application to the Agents.

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BUCKS (near Henley and Marlow).—To be SOLD, the above very desirable RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, known as "Colestrope," Hambleden, about 100 acres in extent; grass and some arable, with picturesque old farm-house, capable of being converted at small expense into gentleman's residence; with stabling and outbuildings, seven cottages, villa residence, licensed beerhouse, etc. If not disposed of previously, will be SOLD at the Mart on Friday, June 20th next.—For particulars apply to Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

SURREY HILLS (in a lovely spot, 600ft. above sea level, a few minutes' walk from two stations, about 35 minutes from Town).—The FREEHOLD for SALE of a charming old-fashioned RESIDENCE, standing secluded in well-timbered and matured grounds of about three acres; contains fine hall, three reception and seven bedrooms, bathroom, servants' hall, and offices. Price £4,000.—Full particulars of Messrs. GIDDY and GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

SUSSEX AND KENT BORDERS.—To be SOLD, a fine stone-built MANSION and ESTATE, about 600ft. above sea level, commanding magnificent views of surrounding country (extending upwards of 25 miles), and standing in beautiful old park, grounds, gardens, and farms, embracing nearly 600 acres. The Mansion contains eighteen bed and dressing rooms, suite of spacious reception rooms, billiard room, etc.; good hunting, shooting, etc. Personally inspected and strongly recommended as being a really charming and complete estate.—Agents, Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

FOR THE SUMMER OR LONGER (in an unequalled situation on the South Devon Coast).—A well Furnished and appointed MARINE RESIDENCE, commanding magnificent land and seascape views, and containing thirteen bed, three bath, and four reception rooms, good domestic offices; gas and water laid on; stabling for six; cottages; two lodges; delightful pleasure grounds, lawns, two tennis courts, shrubberies, vinery, two paddocks extending to cliffs. Would be SOLD.—Further particulars of Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

SUSSEX (in a beautiful district, near Pulborough and the Downs, and adjoining extensive pine woods).—The Freehold for SALE of an attractive and compact RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 80 acres, principally grass and woodland, with splendidly built Modern Residence, erected specially for late owners occupation, occupying a picked position and containing large hall, three reception and nine bedrooms, bath and offices; stabling and outbuildings; two cottages; pretty grounds; glasshouses; large orchard, etc.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

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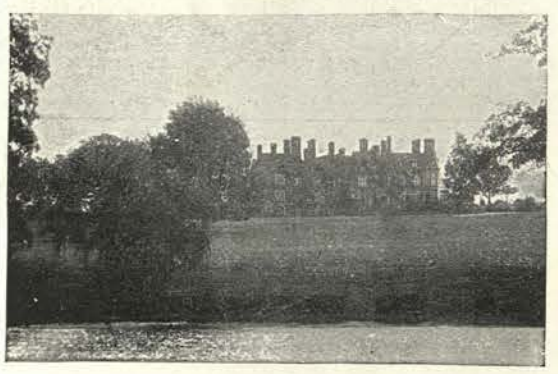
BROOME PARK (near Canterbury).—To be LET, this fine old Elizabethan MANSION (by Inigo Jones), together with the shooting over 4,100 acres. The House is beautifully situated in a well-timbered park of about 400 acres, and the accommodation comprises six reception rooms, billiard room, 22 bed and dressing rooms, also a spacious gallery. The Residence is in good order throughout. Stabling for eleven; well-timbered gardens and grounds of about 28 acres, inexpensive to maintain; tennis lawn, extensive woodland walks, etc. The shooting, which has been regularly preserved, extends over 4,100 acres, including nearly 1,200 acres of coverts. Hunting with the East Kent Foxhounds. The Property is within one-and-a-half miles of Barham Station, and seven miles from Canterbury.—Particulars of CECIL E. KINGSFORD, Esq., Solicitor, Canterbury; or Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 9, Conduit Street, W. (1648.)



CHOICE RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE.

1,000, 2,065, or about 3,000 acres.

First-rate Modern Mansion, installed with electric light.

IN a picturesque district, and within a mile of a main line station, an hour-and-a-half south of Town.—To be SOLD, a RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL and SPORTING ESTATE of 2,977 acres, or the Mansion would be Sold with about 1,000 or with 2,065 acres. The Mansion, as above, which is thoroughly well-built, and beautifully fitted, is situated on an eminence, in a well-timbered park of 150 acres, and contains outer hall, panelled inner hall 33ft. by 22ft., drawing room, noble dining room, billiard room, etc.; winter garden; about 35 bed and dressing rooms, and three fitted bathrooms. Electric light is installed, and gas laid on. Stabling for twelve horses; and picturesque gardens and grounds, including cricket ground. There is an ornamental lake of several acres in the park. The farms are mostly let to excellent tenants, and the farm-houses are exceptionally picturesque. The buildings on the Estate are in good order throughout. Outgoings small. Personally inspected.—Illustrated particulars and plan can be obtained from the Sole Agents, Messrs. HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.; or Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 9, Conduit Street, W. (892.)

650ft. ABOVE SEA LEVEL.
By AUCTION on June 10th.

FOREST LEA (Crowborough).—This picturesque Country HOUSE will be SOLD, at the Mart, E.C., on June 10th next. Accommodation: hall 12ft. 6in. by 7ft. 6in., drawing room 21ft. by 16ft., with bay and casements to garden, dining room, study, conservatory, etc., eight bedrooms, two staircases; stabling for two; unusually attractive gardens and grounds of about three-and-a-quarter acres. Gas and water laid on.—Further particulars of Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 9, Conduit Street, London, W.; or of Mr. E. J. CARTER, The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells.

THE TATTENHAM PARK ESTATE.

45 Minutes of Town.

600ft. above sea level; grand views; bracing air; golf. Station on the Estate.

VIEW FROM THE ESTATE.

LAND AND HOUSES to be LET or SOLD. The Property is surrounded by Banstead and Walton Heaths and Epsom Downs. Full particulars of Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, as below.

Historical Mansion, and over 4,000 acres of Shooting.

UNDER ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS OF TOWN.—To be LET, Furnished, a fine old Family MANSION, together with shooting over 4,000 acres, of which about 1,000 acres are coverts.—Further particulars of Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, as below. (312.)

40 Bedrooms, Billiard Room. Stabling for eight. Shooting over 800 acres.

SUSSEX (one-hour-and-a-quarter from Town).—To be LET, handsomely Furnished, this picturesque MANSION, occupying a magnificent position, in a well-timbered park, over 600ft. above sea level, and commanding lovely views. The accommodation includes large saloon, billiard room, double drawing room, four other reception rooms, about 40 bed and dressing rooms, and complete offices; stabling for eight, coach-houses, etc. Delightful pleasure grounds, lawns, etc., of sixteen acres, and extensive woodlands affording several miles of beautiful walks. Shooting over 800 acres.—Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, as below. (304.)

One of the best Modern Houses in Surrey. Electric light.

TO BE SOLD, or might be LET, the above well-built RESIDENCE, replete with every imaginable convenience, facing south, and surrounded by 100 acres of parkland, or would be sold with about 40 acres. It is one-and-a-half miles from Leatherhead and Cobham stations, and 45 minutes from Town. Accommodation: entrance hall, noble centre hall 66ft. 4in. by 27ft., opening into beautiful winter garden, fine double drawing room, full-sized billiard room, boudoir, morning room, handsome dining room, 20 or more bed and dressing rooms, three bathrooms, and complete offices; the House is heated by hot water; luxuriously appointed stabling for eleven horses, with Musgrave's fittings; coachman's house, etc.; model farm, gardener's and bailiff's cottages, etc.; the House, stabling, model farm-buildings, and cottages are all installed with electric light; m[illegible] drainage; Company's water; tastefully arranged grounds; [illegible] shooting, fishing, boating, and golf.—Messrs. KNIGHT, FR[illegible] RUTLEY, as below. (813.)

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FOR SALE OR CHARTER.

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FINE OLD MANSION, WITH 4,500 OR 6,500 ACRES SHOOTING.

WILTS (three-and-a-half miles from a station).—To be LET, Furnished, preferably for five or seven years, the above old Family MANSION, situated in a finely-timbered park of about 200 acres. Accommodation: entrance hall, four reception rooms, billiard room, 35 bed and dressing rooms, complete domestic offices, and extensive cellars; stabling for 20 horses, large coach-house, harness room, men's rooms, etc.; laundry, gun room, and store-rooms; beautiful ornamental grounds, two walled kitchen gardens, and glasshouses. Abundant water supply. Shooting over 4,500 acres, and, if required, over an additional 2,000 acres. Personally inspected.—Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, as below.

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SURREY (Oxshott).—To be SOLD, or might be LET, the above well-built RESIDENCE, commanding magnificent views, and situated on the borders of a gentleman's park. Three reception rooms, billiard hall, thirteen bedrooms, bathrooms, and first-rate offices. Beautifully-laid-out gardens and grounds, and pasture land of 10 to 20 acres. Modern drainage; Company's gas and water. Hunting, shooting, and fishing in the neighbourhood; magnificent views; station one mile.—Photo., plan and full particulars of Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, as below. Strongly recommended. (762.)

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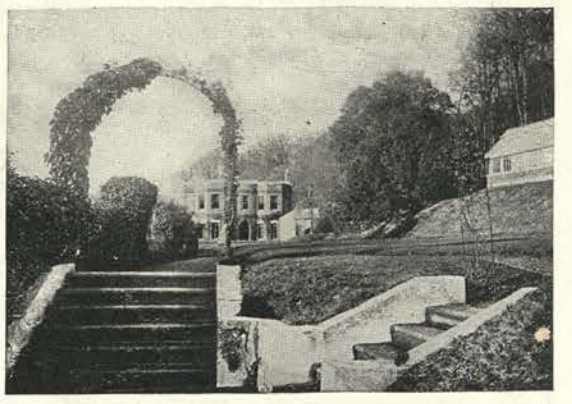
To be Sold at once at a low price.

YORKS.—To be SOLD, an ESTATE of nearly 500 acres, with a moderate-size Residence, standing 600ft. above sea level; stabling for seven horses; picturesque grounds. Several small farmsteads. Excellent sporting. Price £11,000.—Details of Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, as below. (870.)

Norman Shaw House. A Great Bargain.

SYDENHAM HILL.—To be SOLD, one of the most perfect HOUSES within an easy drive of London; grand reception hall, panelled in oak, noble suite of reception rooms, winter garden, suites of bed and dressing rooms, etc.; electric light and every imaginable modern convenience. First-rate stabling. Strongly recommended. (786.)



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Under one hour of Town. One-and-a-quarter Acres. Three Reception and Eleven Bed and Dressing Rooms. Excellent Stabling. Company's Water. Cottage.

TO BE SOLD, the above choice Freehold Riverside RESIDENCE, standing in beautifully-laid-out grounds with rustic bridge, island, lawn, and boat-house. Accommodation: entrance and inner halls, three reception and eleven bed and dressing rooms, conservatory and fernery; stabling for six; cottage. Fishing in private water. Price, photos., and full details of Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, as below. (1649.)

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14 GUINEAS A WEEK for the above charming RESIDENCE, situate near the sea coast in Hampshire, containing fourteen bed and dressing rooms, three to four reception rooms; good offices.—Further particulars on application to the above Agents.

WARWICKSHIRE.—The above delightfully situated and well Furnished RESIDENCE, to be LET, for Summer months or by the year at £300 per annum, or Unfurnished on Lease at £250 per annum. The House stands 460ft. above sea level, in a most bracing and healthy position, approached by carriage drive through avenue of very fine lime, cedar, and other trees. The grounds which are extensive and in good order, comprise lovely pleasure garden, rosary, large walled kitchen garden, tennis and croquet lawns, and very productive vinery, paddock, etc. The accommodation consists of fourteen bedrooms, five large reception rooms, including very fine oak panelled dining room and oak staircase; good offices.—Apply as above.

8 GUINEAS A WEEK (Saxmundham) for the above charming RESIDENCE, standing in its own beautiful grounds of about three acres. The House is situated on high ground, with south aspect, and only three miles from sea, and contains seven bed, dressing rooms, bathroom, two reception rooms, hall fitted as smoke room, conservatory; stabling for three; modern drainage.—Apply as above.

15 GUINEAS A WEEK (Northamptonshire) for the above well Furnished RESIDENCE, standing in about five acres of grounds. It contains twelve bedrooms, two bathrooms, three reception rooms, large hall; stabling for twelve horses or more. Rent, Furnished, for the year £450, or would be SOLD.—Apply as above.

20 GUINEAS A WEEK (Northampton).—An old Tudor RESIDENCE, standing in park and prettily-laid-out grounds, to be LET for Summer months, containing seventeen bedrooms, four reception rooms, billiard room, fine hall, etc.—Apply as above.

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BANKS OF THE THAMES (Hampton Wick).—Delightful RIVERSIDE RESIDENCE on this charming reach of the River Thames. The House which is approached by a carriage drive, through a well-shrubbed garden, contains the following accommodation: seven good bedrooms, fitted bathroom, dining room (20ft. 7in. by 14ft.), drawing room (28ft. 6in. by 13ft. 6in.), lofty billiard room (28ft. by 17ft.), butler's pantry, kitchen, scullery, and usual offices. The stabling is in an enclosed yard, and consists of three stalls, double coach-house, and harness room, with loft, and two living rooms over, etc. The pleasure grounds, which extend to the water-side, are tastefully laid-out in lawns and flower beds, and are well shrubbed and timbered. Capital boathouse, with two rooms over, and rustic verandah, greenhouse, boat shed, etc. For Sale, Freehold, £6,500.—Detailed particulars of Mr. PENNINGTON, as above. (U. 2647.)

FURNISHED.
6 guineas.—Petersham.—Pretty House; large garden. (F.2210.)
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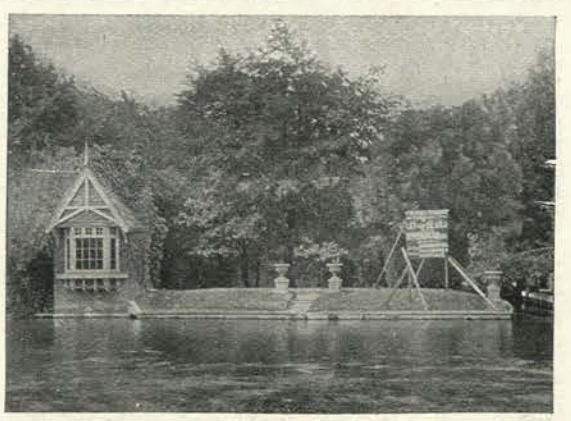
40 guineas.—Middlesex.—Grand old-fashioned Mansion, 36 acres, stabling. (F.2137.)

RICHMOND BRIDGE.—Furnished handsome detached RESIDENCE, near the river, beautifully appointed, and having twelve bed, bath, billiard, and four reception rooms; tennis. Moderate rental for six or twelve months.—Mr. PENNINGTON, F.A.I., Land Agent, Richmond Station.) (F. 2173.)

A BARGAIN.

£3,500 WILL PURCHASE this charmingly-situated RESIDENCE on the banks of the Thames. It has twelve bed and dressing rooms; lovely secluded grounds of about two acres, and stabling.—Detailed particulars of Mr. PENNINGTON, as above. (U. 2777.)

BANKS OF THE THAMES (Richmond).—A charming old-fashioned RESIDENCE, situated in a nice old garden, with lovely views over the river; containing three reception rooms, billiard room, thirteen bed and dressing rooms, and bathroom, offices. To be LET, Furnished, for six months or a year. Rent 17 guineas a week. Highly recommended.—Photograph and detailed particulars of Mr. PENNINGTON, as above. (F. 95.)



BANKS OF THE THAMES (between Teddington and Hampton Wick).—For SALE, Riverside RESIDENCE, in well-laid-out grounds of two-and-a-half acres, with lawn sloping to the river, and flower and kitchen gardens. Standing well above flood level, it contains thirteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, and complete domestic offices. The House is unusually well built and expensively fitted, and is heated and ventilated throughout; excellent stabling for three horses, and men's rooms over; pretty summer-house, boat house, bathing creek.—Agent, Mr. PENNINGTON, as above. (U. 2605.)

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BERKSHIRE (near station, one-and-a-quarter hours from London, in a picturesque and most favourite part of the country).—A charming old-fashioned Freehold RESIDENCE to be SOLD at a low price; standing in a finely-timbered park of about 50 acres. It contains large square hall, billiard, three reception, fifteen bedrooms, two fitted bathrooms, etc. There are excellent stables, handsomely-timbered old pleasure grounds with lime avenues, ornamental lake, walled kitchen garden, glasshouses, cottage, etc.—Mr. F. PERKS, 13, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W. Inspected and strongly recommended.

PRICE £14,000. COST £40,000.

HEREFORDSHIRE (in the most favourite part of the county, near a station and town, with excellent social and sporting advantages).—To be SOLD, at about one-third its actual cost, the above beautiful Freehold MANSION, occupying a splendid position on high ground, and commanding superb views which defy description. The approach is by a winding carriage drive, with a picturesque lodge at entrance, and it is surrounded by a finely-timbered and undulating park. The accommodation includes a magnificent entrance hall, billiard room, four reception, 20 bedrooms, fitted bathroom, etc. The decorations and fitments are of a most expensive and artistic character. There are very choice pleasure grounds, glasshouses; first-class stables, model farmery, etc.—Mr. F. PERKS, 13, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

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SHROPSHIRE (amidst excellent hunting and society).—A beautiful old Freehold RESIDENCE to be SOLD, a bargain, by Executors, standing amidst finely-timbered grounds and parklands of 44 acres; square hall, three reception, thirteen bedrooms, two bathrooms, etc.; stabling, kennels, farmery, and cottages.—Mr. F. PERKS, 13, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

TO YACHTSMEN AND OTHERS.

ON THE CLYDE.—The above delightful Freehold RESIDENCE to be SOLD, occupying an enviable site amidst finely-timbered parklands of 40 acres which slope down to the Clyde. It is approached by a carriage drive with lodges, and commands most charming views of sea and land. The accommodation comprises four reception, twelve bedrooms, fitted bathroom, etc.; there are beautiful old pleasure grounds; stabling, glasshouses, farmery, etc.—Mr. F. PERKS, 13, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, S.W.

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OSBORN & MERCER have received instructions to SELL the above valuable Estate by AUCTION, in one or two Lots, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, Bank of England, E.C., on Tuesday, 29th July, 1902, at 2 o'clock precisely.—Particulars, with views, plan, and conditions of Sale may be obtained of Messrs. WITHALL, TROTTER & PATTESON, Solicitors, 64, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.; of Messrs. ASHDOWN and ASHDOWN, Chartered Accountants, 56, Gresham Street, E.C.; of Mr. JAMES GRANT, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire; and, together with orders to view, of the Auctioneers, at their Offices, 28B, Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, London, W.

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AT A NOMINAL RESERVE TO EFFECT A SALE IN THE AUCTION ROOM.

WARWICKSHIRE (on the borders of Oxfordshire, in the centre of the Warwickshire Hunt, four miles from Kineton, and eight from Banbury).—The charming Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, known as "Sun Rising," situate in a most picturesque and healthy district. It comprises a comfortable stone-built Residence, occupying a most delightful and elevated position about 700ft. above the sea level, in inexpensive pleasure gardens, and commanding grand panoramic views. First-class modern stabling for twelve horses, two coach-houses, etc.; kitchen garden, large orchard, glasshouses, etc. Ample and substantial model farm-buildings, which surround a covered yard, also five superior recently-erected cottages, etc. The whole covering an area of about 166 acres, lying compactly together in a ring fence, and consisting chiefly of good pasture land. Hunting five days a week. To be SOLD by AUCTION, by Messrs.

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NORFOLK (close to a station, and within a drive of Sandringham).—To be LET, from the 1st July until middle of October, the above exceedingly comfortable, well Furnished Family MANSION, together with sporting over about 1,850 acres (limit 300 brace of partridges and 50 pheasants). —Full particulars on application. Personally inspected. (5287.)

WEST SOMERSET (in the beautifully and increasingly popular stag hunting country, close to station, and about five miles from the sea).—To be SOLD, either as a whole or would be divided, about 170 acres of heathland, having thereon some excellent sites, commanding most delightful and extensive views.—Plans and particulars of Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER, Land Agents, 28B, Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, W.

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YORKSHIRE (North Riding; within easy reach of a good town).—To be SOLD, the above exceedingly handsome Family MANSION, together with either 370 or 28 acres. The Residence occupies a commanding position, with fine views, seated in extensive pleasure grounds beautifully laid out in lawns, terraces, shrubberies, ornamental lakes, etc., and approached by a long carriage drive guarded by a pretty lodge. It contains six reception, billiard, and ample bedroom accommodation; stabling for six horses; modern drainage, and excellent water supply.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN and MERCER, 28B, Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, W. (10,228.)

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ABOUT HALF-AN-HOUR FROM TOWN by an excellent service of trains.—To be LET, for seven or fourteen years, an Unfurnished RESIDENCE, standing in old-fashioned grounds and lands of about seven acres, and containing three good reception, ten bedrooms, bathroom, and the usual offices; hot and cold water laid on; stabling for three horses; gardener's cottage, and a number of useful outbuildings; hunting with three packs.—For rent and full particulars apply to Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (5639.)

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LESS THAN HALF COST TO EFFECT AN EARLY SALE.—This perfect HOUSE stands in well-timbered park of 100 acres, sloping to the river, and is throughout in the most perfect order; fitted with every modern luxury, including electric light, heating apparatus, and very costly fittings, while the decorations are in perfect taste; very fine suite of entertaining rooms, 20 bed and dressing rooms; faultless stabling, cottages, farmery, etc.—Strongly recommended by the Agents, HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

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400FT. ABOVE SEA LEVEL

KENT (on the summit of a hill, within a drive of Town, on gravel soil, with perfectly rural surroundings and close to noted golf links).—The exceedingly beautiful PROPERTY, known as "Jackwood," Shooter's Hill, comprising an exceptionally delightful Residence, a perfect specimen of modern Elizabethan architecture, surrounded by singularly beautiful grounds park, and woodland of nearly 45 acres; splendid stabling for five horses, large coach-house, etc.; lovely terraced grounds, with grass walks and shady lawns bordered by parkland and wood, rivalling in beauty anything of the kind within the same distance of Town; splendid kitchen garden, fine orchard, vinery, peach-house, etc. For SALE (by order of NAT. C. GOODWIN, Esq.), by Private Treaty, and if not so disposed of will be SOLD by AUCTION on July 21st.

N.B.—The beautiful and appropriate Furniture could be Purchased by valuation if required.

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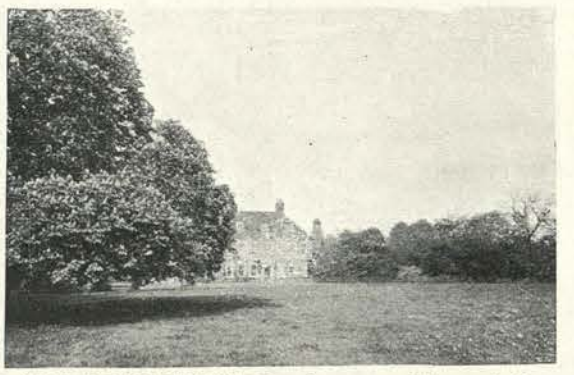


HERTFORDSHIRE (Hunsdon; near Ware and Hertford, situate on the high ground, in an extremely beautiful and rural district, three miles from St. Margaret's Station; also Widford and Roydon, five from Ware, and seven from Hertford, within twenty miles of Town, and surrounded by well-known country seats.—The beautifully-timbered and picturesque FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, known as Bonnington's, near Ware, comprising an old-fashioned residence, containing halls, five reception, billiard, and eighteen bed and dressing rooms, and offices; splendid stabling for fourteen horses, large coach-house, men's rooms, harness-room, etc.; lovely old pleasure grounds with old turf lawns, with yew hedges, wide terrace walk with sloping lawns to the lily ponds, walled kitchen garden with a range of glasshouses, gardener's house, etc.; a grand lake of about seven acres, fed by a trout stream, and bordered by beautiful walks and hanging woods, probably unique in the county of Herts, two boathouses, nobly timbered park, in which is a lovely triple avenue of giant elms, and adorned by majestic oaks and other forest timber; two lodges, the whole extending to about 304 acres of good grazing land, except about 70 acres of woodland, well placed for holding pheasants; good shooting and trout fishing.

THE SQUARE POND AND LAKE, BONNINGTON'S.

For SALE by Private Treaty, and if not so disposed of will be Sold by Auction on July 21st.—Particulars of Messrs. UPTON, ATKEY & Co., 14, Austinfriars, E.C.; and of HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

WIMBLEDON.
Occupying almost, if not quite the finest situation in the district.
Extensive Views and perfect aspect.

FOR SALE. Freehold, the picturesque old-fashioned RESIDENCE known as "Mount Ararat," with six acres of richly-timbered old grounds, and possessing all the characteristics of a country house, though within an easy drive of Hyde Park.

VIEW OF SURREY HILLS FROM HOUSE.

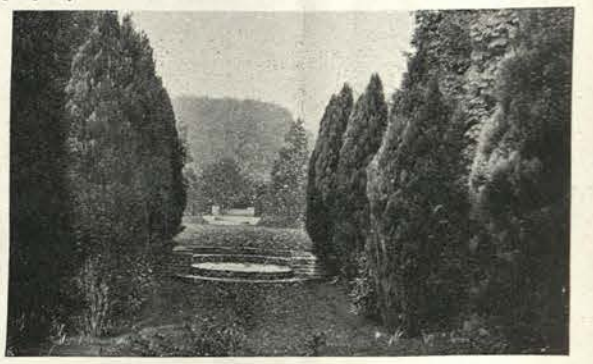
The accommodation includes good attractive hall 20ft. by 15ft., with casements to garden, dining room 27ft. by 21ft., fine drawing room 35ft. by 25ft., with casement to south terrace and glazed entrance to conservatory, noble library 36ft. by 20ft. 6in., communicating by means of wide folding doors, the two apartments forming together a handsome ballroom and billiard room. On the first floor are twelve bedrooms and two dressing rooms, all facing south or west, a studio with north light, bathroom, etc. The domestic offices are spacious, and include kitchen, scullery, two larders, butler's pantry, two menservant's bedrooms, dairy, and servants' hall. The well-built stabling comprises large enclosed yard, six loose boxes, two stalls, three bay coach-house, harness room, and man's room, and loft over. —Agents, HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.; and High Street, Wimbledon Common.

TOWN HOUSES.—HAMPTON & SONS are Agents for some of the best Houses, to be SOLD or LET, Furnished, and Unfurnished, in all the fashionable quarters, and will forward a special selection of likely places on receipt of requirements.

OLD PICTURESQUE GARDENS.

TIGBOURNE COURT. SIDE VIEW OF RESIDENCE.

WITLEY (Surrey; three-quarters of a mile from the Witley Station on the direct Portsmouth Line).—To be LET, on Lease, TIGBOURNE COURT, a recently-built House, designed by E. L. Lutyens, Esq., in the old Surrey Jacobean style, with an old picturesque garden, adapted by Miss Jekyll, with terrace, pergola, tennis lawn and orchard, coach-house and stabling, and two cottages for gardener and coachman, the whole occupying from two to three acres. Gas and water laid on throughout, and portions of the house heated by radiators. The drainage is on the most approved principles, and carried away from the property.



TIGBOURNE COURT. VIEW IN GROUNDS.

The House contains, on the two upper floors, eleven bedrooms, large boxroom, bathroom, three w.c.'s, housemaid's closet and linen room; also handsome drawing room, with music gallery, dining room, opening into a loggia, library, garden room, outer and inner hall, fitted with fireproof strong room, lavatory, servants' apartments, and out-buildings. The House has been in occupation during the past year, but will be vacated in August. —For terms and cards to view apply to HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, London, where photographic views of the property may be seen.

UPSET PRICE £7,900. COST £40,000.

By Order of the Executors of the late Captain Cecil Boyle.

WIMBLEDON.—Fine Family House, three acres, and superb stabling, five minutes' walk from Wimbledon Station.—Freehold RESIDENCE known as "Broghill," St. Mary's Road, containing noble hall, three reception, fourteen bed, dressing, and two bathrooms, usual domestic offices; stabling for ten horses, and grounds about three acres; 1,000 feet frontages to made roads affording valuable sites for other residences; electric light, gas and water mains. For SALE by Auction, on July 8th.—Particulars of Messrs. TROWER, STILL, FREELING, and PARKIN, 5, New Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.; and of HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W., and High Street, Wimbledon Common.

N.B.—The whole of the valuable Furniture and Effects of the Residence will be Sold by Auction on July 10th and 11th.

A BARGAIN IN MIDLANDS.

IN A MIDLAND CATHEDRAL CITY (with capital service of trains from London and Liverpool, and affording hunting with three packs).—To be SOLD, at a very low figure, the above commodious and attractive COUNTRY RESIDENCE, enclosed in very picturesque grounds and paddocks of fourteen acres, heavily timbered, and inexpensive to maintain. There is a lodge entrance and carriage drive, and the House contains hall, four large reception rooms, billiard room, usual offices, laundry, thirteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, etc.; gas and water laid on; stabling for five horses; farm buildings, and two cottages, pleasure and kitchen gardens, greenhouses, the whole covering fourteen acres, and forming a most compact and convenient property. Price very moderate —Apply HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

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In a notedly healthy district, one-and-a-quarter hours of Town.

ON THE BORDERS OF BUCKS AND BEDS.—The above charming RESIDENCE, to be LET, Furnished, for August and September, situate in exceedingly beautiful grounds, with lovely shady lawns and walks; contains six bedrooms, nursery, bathroom, three reception rooms, offices; stabling for three horses; kitchen garden, and poultry. Rent 6 to 8 guineas per week (5 guineas per week would be accepted from an exceptionally good and careful tenant).—Agents, Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

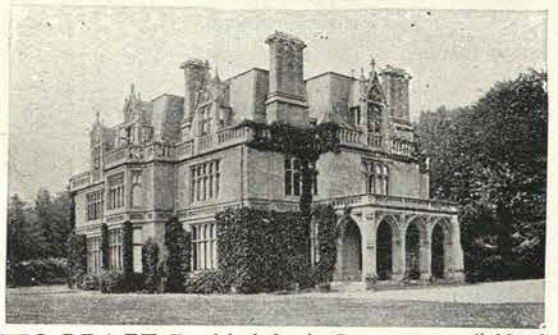
PRICE FREEHOLD, £2,400.

ON THE THAMES (overlooking a very favourite reach, and only 40 minutes from Town).—For SALE, the above attractive RIVERSIDE RESIDENCE; six bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, three sitting rooms; capital offices; nice garden; all in perfect order.—Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

6,500 ACRES of capital SHOOTING to be LET, for three years or longer, with a splendid Residence containing ten bedrooms, two baths, three reception rooms, offices; stabling with three rooms over, etc.; one-and-a-half miles of fishing included.—Agents, Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

70 GUINEAS for the Ascot Race Week.—A charming old-fashioned RESIDENCE, only ten minutes' walk from a station, and about two-and-a-half miles from the Grand Stand; contains five bedrooms, bath-dressing room, four reception rooms, good offices, fine full-sized billiard room; exceedingly pretty grounds, with splendid croquet and tennis lawns, kitchen gardens, etc.; stabling for two horses. Occupies a beautiful open position, and commands lovely views. Rent includes excellent cook, house-parlourmaid, garden produce, eggs, milk, and gas.—Inspected and strongly recommended by the Sole Agents, Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

IN THE NOTEDLY BEAUTIFUL DISTRICT OF HASLEMERE.



TO BE LET, Furnished, for the Summer or until March, 1903, the above charming RESIDENCE, standing in lovely grounds and woodlands of about 200 acres. It occupies a grand position some 800ft. above sea level, and contains four large reception rooms, twelve bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and capital offices; stabling; range of glass. Good water supply.—Rent and further particulars from the Agents, Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

4,173 ACRES of SHOOTING over Lord Zouche's Parham Estate, Pulborough. Included is the 400-acre park, and about 450 acres of plantations outside the park. Game bags for the last three years: pheasants, 590, 900, 950; partridges, 150, 203, 164; hares, 21, 18, 23; rabbits, 1713, 2688, 1120; woodcock, 5, 6, 6; wild duck, 4, 2, 3. Fishing in two lakes, one affording sport with pike and perch, and the other with tench and carp. To be LET for two years.—Terms and orders to view from the Sole Agents, Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

SPLENDID POSITION for a CITY GENTLEMAN (half an hour's railway journey on the G.E.R.).—Very attractive RESIDENCE, well Furnished, and fitted with the electric light; contains thirteen bedrooms, bathroom, three reception rooms, beautiful hall and fine full-sized billiard room, good offices; stabling for nine horses or more; exceedingly pretty grounds, and pleasurable use of about 70 acres of grassland; furnished for Summer or year. Inspected and recommended.—Agents, Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

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HAMPSHIRE (near Whitchurch, and under two hours of Town).—Messrs. MILLAR, SON & CO. are instructed to SELL by AUCTION at an early date the charming Pleasure and SPORTING ESTATE known as "Egbury Grange," Whitchurch, comprising a capital Family RESIDENCE, containing seven bed, dining, drawing, and housekeeper's rooms, and usual offices; stabling and gardens, together with 600 acres of land in a high state of cultivation, interspersed with valuable woodlands; complete sets of farm-buildings, with bailiff's house, ten cottages, and extensive sheds, barns, etc. The Property is noted for its sporting; hunting may be had with several packs of hounds, and there is excellent fishing in the Test.—Full particulars and plans, in course of preparation, may be had from Messrs. MILLAR SON & Co., 46, Pall Mall, S.W.

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THE above COUNTRY HOUSE and fourteen acres, price £2,750 only; twelve bed and dressing rooms, four reception; stabling, cottage; pleasure and kitchen gardens and park-like meadows; 23 acres of additional land can be had if desired. In a charming district, two miles from a station.—Full particulars of Messrs. MILLAR, SON & Co., as above.

WILTS (near Chippenham).—Old Georgian MANSION to be LET, Unfurnished. Rent £300. Charming and healthy district, centre of Beaufort Hunt; fourteen bed and dressing rooms, four reception, billiard room; stabling; pleasure and kitchen gardens, farmery and paddocks; easy reach of station, two-and-a-half hours from Town main G.W.Ry.—Full particulars at 46, Pall Mall, S.W.

MOST BEAUTIFUL PART OF SUSSEX (between Hastings and Tunbridge Wells).—To be SOLD, a picturesque old-fashioned RESIDENCE; very high situation, with magnificent views; eight acres of charming grounds and pasture land; easy reach of station; stabling, coachman's rooms. Price £4,000. Cottage and extra land if desired. Recommended.—Full particulars of Messrs. MILLAR, SON & Co., as above.

YORKS AND LANCS BORDERS (in a lovely district amongst the Fells, and within easy reach of the great northern industrial towns).—A valuable RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE of about 1,500 acres for SALE, affording first-class all-round shooting, including grouse, together with a lucrative landed investment, medium-sized Country House; inexpensive grounds; stabling; farms all let. Amidst splendid scenery.—Further particulars at 46, Pall Mall, S.W.

NAVAL REVIEW AND SOLENT REGATTA.—Attractive stone-built MANSION, between Ryde and Cowes, with a magnificent view of the Naval Review, to be LET, Furnished, for the Review week, Summer months, or by the year, at a very moderate rent; four reception, billiard, 20 bed and dressing rooms; stabling, and exquisitely laid out grounds.—Full particulars of Messrs. MILLAR, SON & Co., as above.

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QUAINT OLD WINCHELSEA.—The above charming RESIDENCE, beautifully situated in this favourite district, near good golf, to be SOLD. Price £3,500. Stabling for three; pleasure and kitchen gardens, glasshouses; four-roomed cottage; nine bed, four large reception. A mile from station and sea.—Full details at 46, Pall Mall, S.W.

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BUCKS (close to Burnham Beeches).—Very picturesque Freehold RESIDENCE, on high ground and near golf links; gravel and chalk soil; lovely old grounds of three-and-a-half acres; long carriage drive; eight bedrooms, bath, three reception, conservatory; stabling for three; tennis lawn, kitchen garden, orchard and paddock. Excellent society; good hunting. Recommended.—Particulars as above.

WINDSOR (near, and within easy drive of Ascot).—To be LET, well Furnished, at once, a very charming RESIDENCE, standing high, with beautifully-timbered grounds, and containing seven or eight bedrooms, bath, lounge hall, three reception rooms, and servants' hall; capital stabling.—Photo. and full details, as above.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT (high, on gravel).—Freehold HOUSE, surrounded by park-like grounds of 40 acres, for SALE (or with less land); thirteen bed, two baths, four reception; excellent stabling, cottage; inexpensive but delightful pleasure grounds. Golf, hunting, and fishing. Strongly recommended.—Messrs. MILLAR, SON & Co., 46, Pall Mall, S.W.

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SUSSEX (Franklands, Burgess Hill, half-a-mile from station, in the most favoured rural position on the Keymer Road, in this lovely high-lying and healthy district).—This very beautifully disposed Property of 73 acres, comprising a spacious and comfortable Family RESIDENCE, surrounded by beautifully matured gardens, and approached by a long wooded carriage drive from entrance lodge. It occupies a splendidly-chosen high position, overlooking its finely-timbered and sloping park lands, the views extending over beautifully diversified and expansive country to the South Downs. It contains square halls, morning room, fine lofty dining and drawing rooms, billiard room, good offices, and some 21 bed and dressing rooms, bathrooms, etc.; stabling for six horses, two cottages, buildings, etc. The ornamental grounds are of the most delightful description, being luxuriantly planted with ornamental trees and comprising well-kept tennis and croquet lawns, screened with a wealth of mixed shrubberies, while large oak and other forest trees lend their shade to pretty flower gardens, etc., the prospects from various points being very fine. The valuable enclosures of old pasture of park-like description, with plantations and a little woodland, and a superior modern brick and tiled bailiff's or small farm-house, at present let on yearly tenancy, with a small holding of land, comprise an area of over 60 acres. Lot 2: Four high-lying and very valuable enclosures of pasture and woodland, comprising over twelve acres adjoining the above, with bold slopes to the south, commanding magnificent panoramic views, and affording a beautiful site for the erection of a gentleman's residence of a good class, which Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & CO. will SELL by AUCTION at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., on Friday, July 4th, at 2 p.m. precisely, as a whole or in two lots, unless previously disposed of.—Particulars and conditions of Sale may be obtained at the Mart; of Messrs. BUDD, BRODIE HART & FINCH, Solicitors, 33, Bedford Row, W.C.; and of the Auctioneers 6, Mount Street, London, W.

PRELIMINARY.

HUNTINGDON (Paxton Hill, St. Neots; a little over two miles from town and station on main G.N.Ry., with express service to London in 75 minutes).—This grandly-positioned RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of 46 acres, comprising a very comfortable Family Residence, situate on a commanding summit of a hill, surrounded by very lovely old gardens and forest timber, with parklands sloping away to the south, opening up magnificent panoramic views on all sides, with the river Ouse winding away in the distance. The House contains square hall, four reception rooms, excellent offices, bed and dressing rooms; stabling for seven, complete farmery, two capital cottages, entrance lodge, etc. Hunting, polo, golf, fishing and boating, all close at hand.
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KINGSFOLD PLACE, WARNHAM (Sussex; in the beautiful high-lying district between Dorking and Horsham, within two miles of two stations, and only three-and-a-half miles from Horsham station on the main Portsmouth line, with express service of trains to London in about an hour).—A compact RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE of 380 acres of prettily disposed park-like pasture and woodlands, with a picturesque modern gabled Residence of moderate size, having old gardens and pleasure grounds surrounding, and overlooking its own park-like lands sloping away to the south and east, and rising again beyond, over which extensive and beautiful views are obtained. The property includes also a capital bailiff's house, home farmstead and buildings, and another farmstead and buildings, the whole of which are conveniently arranged and in good order.—Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & CO. will offer the above singularly attractive Freehold Property for SALE by AUCTION at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., on Tuesday, 22nd July, 1902, at 2 p.m.—Particulars in preparation, and may be obtained of Messrs. PEARLESS & SON, Solicitors, East Grinstead, and of the Auctioneers, 6, Mount Street, London, W.

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FINE old Family MANSION of a spacious character, in nearly 300 acres of land, high up, on gravel soil; on main line, within very easy reach of London, for SALE; 25 bedrooms, six reception rooms; eight stalls; nobly-timbered park and grounds of a most delightful and charming character. Hunting two packs. Excellent society. Low price.—Apply MABBETT and EDGE, as above. (8785 v.)

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AYLESBURY DISTRICT.—For SALE, a very attractive RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE of nearly 700 acres, with picturesque moderate-sized RESIDENCE; stabling, pleasure grounds, etc. The Property is let, and produces a net income of nearly £1,000 a year, and a return of about 4½ per cent. is shown on the price that will now be accepted.—Full details from a personal inspection can be had of Messrs. MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (8986 w.)

BUCKS (on G.C.Ry., one hour from Town, with 1,200 acres first-class shooting).—To be LET, Furnished, on Lease, a fine stone-built medium-sized MANSION, in a nobly-timbered park, unique position, near golf links, and excellent hunting.—Apply MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (9044 v.)

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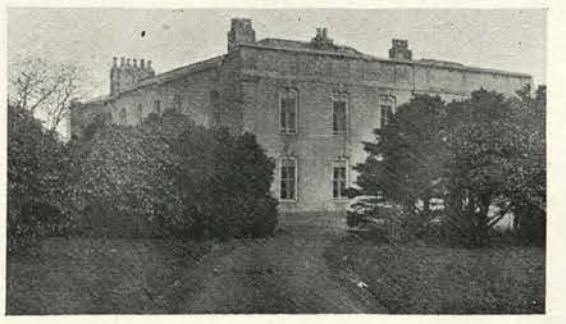
A SPORTING DOMAIN of exceptional character, with a very fine Mansion and Shooting (2,000 partridges, 1,250 pheasants). Trout fishing. 30 bed and dressing rooms, noble suite of reception rooms; splendid stabling, 20 farms, all Let. Rent roll nearly £5,000 per annum. Pays nearly 40 per cent. London and North easy reach.—Apply MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (8889 v.)

500-ACRE RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, in Somerset, to be SOLD, most convenient and beautiful situation, with old-fashioned House, containing fourteen bedrooms, with suitable stabling, and standing in lovely old grounds. The lands are nearly all grass, and there are suitable homesteads. Good rent roll. This is an exceptional property in an exceptional situation.—Apply MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (6396 c.)

HARDWICK HALL (Monk Hesledon, Durham).—A unique and very valuable Freehold ESTATE, extending to about 682 acres, having upwards of a mile of frontage to the sea, and traversed by denes of singular beauty.



The hall, as above, is a square old-fashioned Mansion, standing high, but sheltered, and commanding view of the sea. The stabling, outbuildings, gardens, and grounds are suitable to its size and character. In another part of the Property is a substantially-built Residence of much the same size, now occupied and extensively patronised as a private hotel. There are also two farm-houses and homesteads, and several cottages. The whole produces a rental of £781 per annum, and the outgoings are very moderate. Very good shooting. An important fact is that the new Durham Coast section of the N.E.R. runs through the Estate, and will have stations close to both the northern and southern boundaries of the Property; this railway will be open for traffic next year; at present there are existing stations distant a half and one mile respectively.—Messrs.

MABBETT & EDGE will SELL the above ESTATE by AUCTION, at the Grand Hotel, West Hartlepool, on June 19th, 1902, at 3 for 4 o'clock, precisely, unless previously SOLD by Private Treaty.—When ready, particulars, with plans and conditions of Sale, can be had of Messrs. BROOMHEAD, WIGHTMAN & MOORE, Solicitors, Bank Chambers, George Street, Sheffield; and of the Auctioneers, 127, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W. Telephone No. 2,795 Gerrard.

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A REGAL MANSION AND ESTATE of 2,000 acres, nearly all grass, and most conveniently situated in regard to London. It stands in a grandly-timbered park of about 1,000 acres, with imposing avenue approaches of great length, and its accommodation—over a hundred bed and dressing rooms—fits it for an establishment of the highest order. The purchase of this Property can be treated for privately on application to the owner's Agents, Messrs. MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (9032 c.)

NOTTS (on borders of Lincs., one-and-a-half miles from station on the G. C. Ry., eight miles from Retford, and twelve from Lincoln).—To be SOLD, or LET, Unfurnished, a most attractive Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, extending to over 400 acres, including an unusually well-built beautiful Mansion standing in a finely-timbered park of some 60 acres, approached by a fine carriage drive through an avenue of choice, ornamental shrubs and trees of rare growth. The Residence, which has recently been modernised and decorated with great taste (costing about £3,000), contains a fine suite of reception rooms, full-sized billiard room, about 20 bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, and complete domestic offices. Stabling for eight horses, and numerous outbuildings. The sanitary arrangements are perfect; there is a splendid water supply, and the House and premises are lighted by acetylene gas. The pleasure grounds are very beautiful though inexpensive to keep up; they are studded with choice ornamental trees, and well laid out with winding walks, etc. On the Estate is an old manor or dower house, together with numerous superior residences and cottages, all let; the whole property producing over £600 per annum net. The land is of exceptional quality, and consists principally of very rich pasture land. Price very moderate. If desired, the Mansion, Park, etc., in all about 144 acres, would be sold separately. Rent, Unfurnished, on Lease, with about seventeen acres, £200 per annum. Full particulars can be obtained of Messrs. MABBETT & EDGE, 127, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square, W., who have personally inspected this beautiful Estate, which they can very strongly recommend. Photos at Office. (6236 v.)

MATLOCK (half-a-mile from two stations).—This most delightfully-placed RESIDENCE, in some of the most beautiful scenery in England, can be had for the Summer months. It is well Furnished, has fourteen bedrooms, bath, three reception rooms, servants' hall, housekeeper's room; grounds of a charming character, two-and-a-half acres in all. Rent only 10 guineas a week.—Apply MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (6418 c.)

TO BE SOLD OR LET, FURNISHED, FOR THE SUMMER.

DEVONSHIRE COAST, but not in an enervating part, being in a very bracing situation, with the House 150ft. above, and as will be seen from the accompanying view, overlooking the sea.—A beautiful MARINE ESTATE of 720 acres to be SOLD. The moderate-sized Mansion occupies a most delightful situation, of which the photograph hardly gives an adequate idea. It is most luxuriously fitted, and contains very fine panelled hall, three well-proportioned reception rooms, nine good bedrooms, bathroom, and every convenience, the house being easily capable of enlargement. The outbuildings are proportionate in size to the house, whilst the gardens, grounds and immediate surroundings, are of quite exceptional beauty. The details forming the rest of the Estate, and making up in its entirety one of the most complete and enjoyable Residential Properties of moderate size in the West of England, consists of three farms, a commodious hotel overlooking the sea, and several small holdings, cottages, etc.; the rentals produced being about £1,000 per annum, with only moderate outgoings. The lands are about equally divided between arable and pasture, and there are about 62 acres of woods, which harbour a quantity of game of all kinds, including red deer; whilst additional sport is afforded in the shape of fishing in a trout stream, which intersects the Estate. The Agents know the property personally, and so complete and desirable a one is it, in every way, that they have no hesitation in most strongly recommending it, more especially as the price asked is only a moderate one. The House, gardens, grounds, etc., would be LET Furnished for the Summer months.—Apply to MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (8947 c.)

CHESHAM DISTRICT (650ft. above sea level, on gravel).—To be SOLD, a small RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of nearly 40 acres, comprising a modern House, containing fine entrance hall 40ft by 32ft., usual reception, ten bed and bathrooms; stabling and cottages. It is seldom a chance occurs of acquiring a Property of this character in this much-sought locality.—Agents, MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (9043 w.)

£1,300 (in Glos., near station).—Charming old HOUSE, and grounds of one-and-a-quarter acres; three good reception rooms, billiard, and nine bedrooms, bath, etc.; stabling for five; more land adjoining can be had.—Personally inspected by MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (6261.)

SURREY AND SUSSEX BORDERS (only one hour from Town, in a most delightful situation).—This most attractive RESIDENCE in beautiful grounds of 22 acres, for immediate SALE. It has thirteen bed and dressing rooms, billiard rooms, a noble suite of reception rooms; four stalls. The grounds are well laid out with terrace walks, ornamental water, two orchards, and kitchen gardens; good hunting with three packs. To City men this Property is the very thing, if he desires hunting and yet wishes to be near Town, although in the country.—Full details of Messrs. MABBETT & EDGE, as above.

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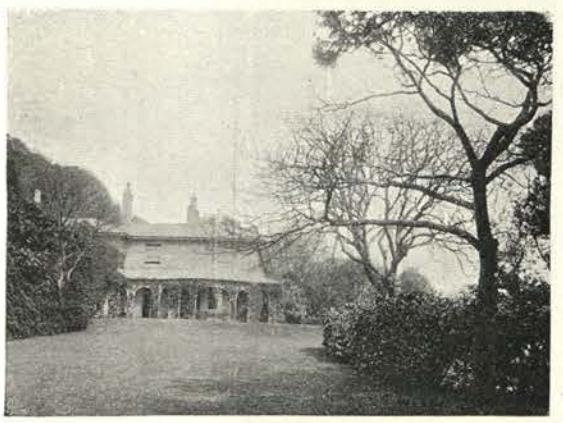
BERKS (on high ground, a short drive from the river, with views extending to Windsor Castle).—To be LET, on Lease, a particularly attractive old COUNTY SEAT, in a magnificently-timbered park of 50 acres, with adjoining woods and land, in all upwards of 200 acres. The Mansion dates from the early part of the XVIIIth century, and contains about seventeen bed and dressing, bath, and four reception rooms, with large hall, etc. There are two drives, each with lodge; stabling for six horses; cottages, bailiff's house, farmery, etc.; good shooting over the Estate. The farm lands would readily let if not required. A Lease of the whole can be secured on moderate terms.—GARVEY & GOOK, 19, Regent Street, S.W.

BUCKS (in favourite neighbourhood, a drive from Uxbridge, Slough, and Windsor; easy to London, but clear of all suburban associations).—For SALE, old-fashioned (modernised) COUNTRY HOUSE and six acres of park-like grounds and grass land, standing high on gravel, with fine views over a pretty well-wooded district; contains seven bedrooms (one very large), bathroom, capital hall, with massive staircase, excellent drawing and dining rooms, two other sitting rooms, servants' hall, pantry, etc.; stabling for three, with man's rooms.—Particulars of this, and other similar places in the county, of GARVEY & GOOK, 19, Regent Street, S.W.

HAMPSHIRE (near the Solent and New Forest, in an excellent position for yachting).—For SALE, a fine ESTATE of 120 acres, including a lovely small park with magnificent timber; exceptionally charming old grounds and avenues. The picturesque moderate-sized Residence is beautifully situate on high ground, sheltered and secluded, looking over the sea, and contains about a dozen bedrooms, but it is readily capable of enlargement. First-class stabling, cottages, lodges, and glasshouses. Farm-house and buildings let off with the greater part of the land. New drainage; excellent water; gravel subsoil. Price £12,000.—Inspected and recommended by GARVEY & GOOK, 19, Regent Street, S.W.

HERTS (near N.W. Ry. main line station).—For SALE, for £4,500, a choice PROPERTY of five acres, the House upon which cost nearly twice that sum to build. It contains ten bed and dressing rooms, besides rooms for photography, smoking, etc., bathroom, drawing room (28ft. 6in. by 16ft.), all very lofty, and capital offices; stabling for four; shady well-timbered grounds, kitchen garden of three-quarters of an acre, conservatory, and paddocks.—GARVEY & GOOK, 19, Regent Street, S.W.



ISLE OF WIGHT (overlooking the English Channel; one of the cheapest and best moderate-sized places in the Island).—To be SOLD, for £4,000, particularly suitable for an invalid. The picturesque House is charmingly placed in three acres of finely-timbered and secluded grounds, sheltered from the north and open to the south, with numerous nooks, shady in summer, and catching all the sun in winter; a series of interesting caves, winding walks along the face of the cliff, etc.; eleven bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, fine stone staircase and gallery, three capital reception rooms opening to verandah, etc.; gas and water; stabling for three.—Photos., etc., of GARVEY and GOOK, 19, Regent Street, S.W.

HAMPSHIRE (within a short distance of the New Forest, Southampton, and the Solent, and close to golf links).—For SALE, a good moderate-sized COUNTRY HOUSE, with first-rate stabling, coachman's cottage, and upwards of three acres of well-timbered and carefully-tended gardens and paddock; the whole in excellent order, about £2,000 having been spent lately in improvements. The Residence is of attractive elevation, and is very nicely placed, high on gravel, near good town and station; eight or nine bed and dressing rooms and three reception rooms; good hunting and sporting neighbourhood; Test fishing about two miles; R.C. church within two miles.—Inspected by GARVEY & GOOK, 19, Regent Street, S.W.

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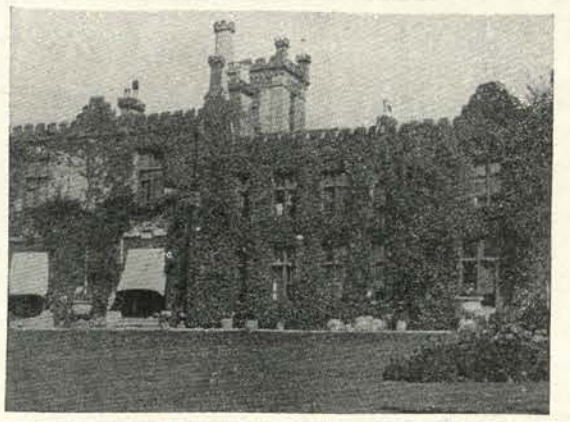

DEVONSHIRE (within three miles of Torquay, and close to church, post and telegraph office, situate on high ground, and commanding magnificent views of the surrounding country).—To be SOLD or LET, on Lease, Unfurnished or Furnished, the above picturesque RESIDENCE, approached by a long carriage drive with a splendid avenue of trees and lodge at entrance; contains eleven bedrooms and three reception rooms; stabling for six; well-timbered grounds of twelve-and-a-half acres, consisting of broad terrace walks, tennis, croquet, and other lawns; prolific kitchen garden, orchard, paddock, and meadow land, etc. The House is in perfect repair, a considerable sum of money having been recently spent by the owner on decorations and improvements. Price for 50 years' Lease, premium £4,000; ground rent, £68 per annum. Furnished, 12½ guineas a week, or would be Let Unfurnished.—GILLOW and Co., as above. (11,378.)

WESTMORELAND (commanding views of the Lake mountains, one mile of church and one-and-a-half miles of station).—To be LET, Furnished, for the Summer months, a lady's RESIDENCE, standing in five acres of well-kept grounds, containing three reception, eleven bedrooms; stabling if required. Rent 10 guineas a week. Would be Let, Furnished, by the year.—GILLOW & Co., as above. (11,098.)

£8,000 (Yorkshire; three minutes from station).—To be SOLD, the above handsome Freehold RESIDENCE, commanding charming sea views, in pretty grounds, including tennis court, two vineries, peach-house, conservatory, four reception, twelve bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms; stabling for three.—GILLOW & Co., as above. (11,189.)

SURREY (within half-a-mile of station and village).—To be SOLD or LET, Unfurnished, an attractive modern RESIDENCE (red brick, partly tiled and half timbered), containing three reception, and billiard, eleven bed and dressing; stabling if required; grounds about three acres; more could be had. Price £4,000; rent £200.—GILLOW & Co., as above.

KENT (in a most salubrious part, near Tunbridge Wells).—To be SOLD or LET on Lease, an historic and attractive MANSION, approached by two drives, standing 450ft. above sea level and commanding extensive views; five acres of fine old grounds; the House contains four reception, billiard, sixteen bed and dressing rooms; stabling for seven, with rooms over, outhouses, piggeries, cowsheds, etc.—Price and further particulars, etc., of GILLOW & Co., as above. (11,372.)

SHROPSHIRE (close to a first-class town).—To be SOLD or LET, Unfurnished, the above handsome RESIDENCE, built in the Elizabethan style, standing in well-kept grounds and paddocks of twelve-and-a-half acres, and containing fifteen bedrooms, four reception; stabling, etc.; heated throughout with hot water pipes. Gas and electric light. Hunting with five packs. Price £6,000. Rent, Unfurnished, £230, or would be LET, Furnished. — Apply to GILLOW & Co., as above. (11,284.)

KENT (in the heart of Dickens' Land).—To be SOLD, a charming HOUSE, standing 300ft. above sea level, close to a station, from which London is reached under an hour. The House contains three reception, five bedrooms, etc.; prettily laid out flower garden, tennis lawn, etc., and about six acres of meadow, and a valuable frontage to the main road. Price £3,000.—GILLOW & Co., as above.

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WINDSOR (near the river).—To be LET, Furnished, for the Summer months, a prettily-situated HOUSE, with nice garden, and being within easy reach of the river and station, and overlooking the park. It contains dining room, drawing room, six bedrooms, dressing room, bathroom, and good domestic offices. Rent only 6 guineas per week.—Further particulars of J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED FOR GOODWOOD.
Also for August and September.

CHICHESTER (Sussex; one-and-a-half miles from Bosham Station, four from Chichester, and about five miles from Race-course).—To be LET, for Goodwood week and for August and September, the beautifully Furnished RESIDENCE, standing in well-timbered park of about 60 acres, and tastefully laid out in well-shrubbed grounds, consisting of lawns, flower and kitchen gardens, ornamental lakes, etc. The House stands high, with verandah in front, is approached by a carriage drive, and contains large square hall, fitted as lounge, dining and drawing rooms, leading to lawns, library and boudoir, three double-bedded rooms, three dressing rooms (two with beds), two bachelors' rooms, three maids' rooms, and accommodation for menservants; extra servants' rooms can be had in the cottages; bathroom (fitted with h. and c.), and well-arranged domestic offices. Plate and linen can be left for Goodwood week. Excellent water supply and perfect drainage. Stabling for three or four horses, coach-house, etc.—Personally inspected and strongly recommended by J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

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WITHIN TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS OF TOWN.—To be LET, Furnished, SPORTING RESIDENCE; three reception, ten bedrooms, bathroom, usual offices; stabling for six horses; good grounds. 4,000 acres of pheasant and partridge shooting. Rent moderate.—Further particulars of J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

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TO BE LET, for the Season, excellent TROUT FISHING, extending to about three-and-a-half miles on both banks of the River Kennet, situate about three miles from Newbury town and station, where good accommodation can be had.—For rent and further particulars apply to the Agents, J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

ST. MARY CRAY (Kent).—To be LET, Furnished, for Summer months, a most desirable Elizabethan RESIDENCE, standing in well-timbered park and beautifully laid-out grounds, comprising flower and walled kitchen gardens, tennis and croquet lawns, etc., is approached by a carriage drive, and contains drawing room 30ft. by 20ft., dining room 30ft. by 20ft., library, sitting room, billiard room 26ft. by 20ft., and morning room, seventeen bed and dressing rooms, excellent domestic offices; stabling for eight horses, two coach-houses, etc.—Inspected and recommended by J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

UPPER NORWOOD.—To be LET, Furnished, a detached RESIDENCE, standing in nicely laid-out grounds, with conservatory entrance and fernery, and containing three reception rooms, seven bedrooms, dressing room, kitchen, and usual domestic offices. Rent moderate.—Further particulars of J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

SUSSEX (Emsworth; two-and-a-half miles from Emsworth, two miles from Rowlands Castle, and five miles from Havant).—To be LET, a charmingly situated COUNTRY RESIDENCE, standing in shady and prettily laid-out grounds of about two-and-a-half acres, comprising excellent tennis lawn, two walled kitchen gardens, flower garden, etc.; two greenhouses, conservatory, forcing pits; the House contains large hall, three reception rooms, billiard or ball room, thirteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, housekeeper's room, good domestic offices; hunting with two packs; excellent shooting by arrangement.—Inspected and recommended by J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

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BERKS.—To be LET, an excellently Furnished MANSION, standing in a park, approached by three carriage drives with lodges; and containing seven reception, thirty bed and dressing and bathrooms, excellent domestic offices; stabling for twelve, with coach-house, harness room, and ample accommodation for coachman and grooms; well laid-out pleasure gardens and grounds with lawns, vineries, etc.; shooting over about 1,000 acres, yielding good bag; boating on Thames, with boat-house; good hunting.—Rent and further particulars can be had of Messrs. J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

MOULSFORD-ON-THAMES.—To be LET, a well Furnished detached RESIDENCE, within three minutes of one of the prettiest reaches of the Upper Thames, in its own grounds and gardens of about three acres; containing hall, three reception and ten bed and dressing rooms, bathroom (h. and c.), usual domestic offices; good stabling, coach-house, and men's rooms; tennis and croquet lawns, flower and kitchen gardens, etc. — Personally inspected and recommended by Messrs. J. A. LUMLEY, NEWTON & DOWELL, as above.

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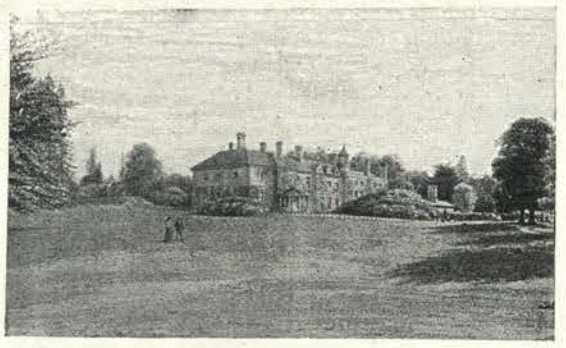

KENT (within an hour's rail of the City and West End).—A singularly attractive Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 170 acres, situate in one of the most delightful parts of the county and surrounded by important country seats. The Mansion, of which the above is an illustration, is approached through a richly-timbered park with lodge at entrance, and stands in grounds of almost matchless beauty. There are thirty bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, billiard and five reception rooms; stabling for ten horses; glasshouses, cottages, model farmery, etc. An additional 70 acres adjoining could be had if desired. To be SOLD.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON and Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (5347.)

G.E.R. MAIN LINE (about a mile from a station, about 45 minutes from Town).—Pretty old-fashioned Freehold COUNTRY RESIDENCE, 320ft. above sea-level, on gravel soil, and commanding beautiful views; eight bedrooms, two bathrooms (h. and c.), and three reception rooms; stabling for three, and garden and grass land; in all ten acres. Hunting with three packs. To be SOLD or LET.—Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (8674.)

ESSEX.—To be LET, an attractive RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 80 acres, beautifully situated on high ground; three miles from a station, with fast train service to the city. The Residence (illustrated above) stands in charming grounds, surrounded by a boldly undulating well-timbered park, and contains fourteen bedrooms, dressing and bathrooms; panelled hall and splendid suite of reception rooms; stabling; lodge, farmery, etc.; good hunting and golf links near.—Inspected by Messrs. DEBENHAM, Tewson & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (9339.)

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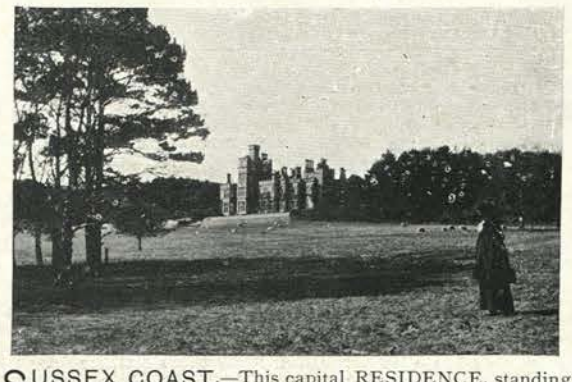
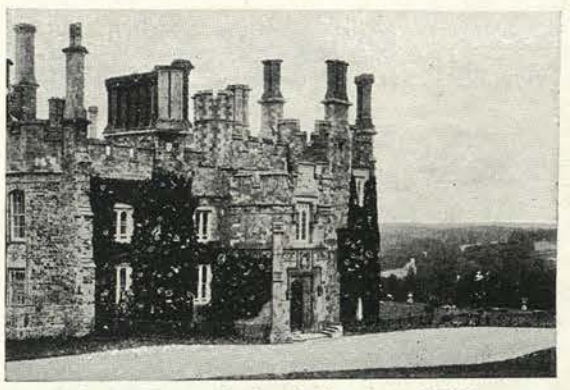


SUSSEX COAST.—This capital RESIDENCE, standing in a fine park, 460ft. above sea level, and commanding grand views of land and sea; eighteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, very fine hall, five reception rooms, billiard room, and conservatory; stabling for nine or more horses, men's rooms, glasshouses, and charming grounds of about 33 acres; golf links, and three packs of hounds within easy reach.—Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (9406.)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (less than two hours from Town.—Comfortable old-fashioned HUNTING BOX; seven bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, large hall, and two reception rooms; stabling for eleven horses; cottages, grounds, and meadow land, in all twelve acres (more if required); hunting with Grafton, Bicester, and Heythrop. To be SOLD.—Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (9037 A.)

HEREFORDSHIRE.—To be SOLD, an exceedingly attractive Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 1,300 acres, in a good sporting and social district, about six miles from Leominster. The Residence (as above illustrated), is of moderate size, and could be readily added to. The hall and two reception rooms are panelled in fine old oak. First-class stabling for sixteen horses; inexpensive grounds; the land is chiefly pasture, and produces a good rent roll; hunting with the North Hereford, Ludlow, and other packs; good shooting and fishing.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON and Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (9166.)

5,500 ACRES OF SHOOTING in Radnor, on the borders of Hereford, including grouse moor of 2,500 acres and 700 acres of covert, together with a well Furnished Mansion, containing fifteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and five reception rooms; stabling for nine, three cottages, lodge, and well-timbered grounds, occupying a beautiful situation. To be LET, by the year, or for the Shooting season; or the House would be LET till August.—Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (9449.)



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THE ROOKERY (Dedham).—A very attractive Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, three-and-a-half miles from Ardleigh, and six from Colchester; comprising a comfortable old style House, containing eight bed and dressing rooms, three reception rooms; stabling for three horses; well-timbered grounds with a running stream and miniature lake and waterfall, glasshouses, kitchen gardens, parkland, and a delightful piece of woodland; two cottages and an arable field, the total area being nearly 34 acres. With possession.—Particulars of Messrs. UPPERTON & Co., Solicitors, 14, Lincoln's Inn Fields; and of the Auctioneers, Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C.

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HINDHEAD.—A singularly beautiful Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of about 20 acres, occupying a magnificent position 800ft. above sea level, in the most charming part of this unrivalled district, about three-and-a-half miles from Haslemere Station, and comprising the above well-designed Elizabethan Residence, containing nine bedrooms, three dressing rooms, bathroom, entrance hall, noble panelled music

THE GRANGE, HINDHEAD—THE MUSIC ROOM.

room, 36ft. 10in. by 26ft. 10in., with picturesque gallery and inglenook, very pretty drawing and dining rooms, etc.; stabling for four horses; lovely pleasure grounds, lavishly planted with conifers and rhododendrons, richly-wooded slopes with undulating paths, a long sheltered rose terrace walk or pergola, nearly 700ft. long, capital tennis lawn encircled by fine plantations, etc., the whole forming one of the most covetable properties in the South of England.—Illustrated particulars of Messrs. HICKSON & MOIR, Solicitors, "Blomfield House," 52, New Broad Street, E.C.; and of the Auctioneers, Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C.

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TO YACHTSMEN AND OTHERS.

ON SOUTHAMPTON WATER.—The above attractive Freehold RESIDENCE, "The Grove," Hythe, with a landing place, and land to low water; charming grounds, stabling, kitchen garden, boathouse, and two cottages, in all about two acres. With possession.—Particulars of Messrs. HARDISTY, RHODES & HARDISTY, Solicitors, 48, Great Marlborough Street, W.; and of the Auctioneers, Messrs. PERKINS & SONS, Southampton; and Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80 Cheapside, E.C.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION ON JULY 15th, 1902.

LEYLANDS (Meopham, Kent; in a bracing and very healthy district, 500ft. and upwards above sea level, two-and-a-half miles from Meopham and Sole Street Stations, three-and-a-half miles from Cobham, and six miles from Gravesend).—A very attractive and compact Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, with a commodious Residence, charming grounds, two entrance lodges, kitchen garden, glasshouses, stabling for five horses, two cottages, excellent modern farm-buildings, with octagonal dairy, several detached farm-buildings, productive orchard and fruit plantation of over 27 acres, and boldly undulating pasture and woodland, the total area being about 154a. 1r. 24p. With possession. — Particulars of Messrs. MERRIMAN, WHITE & THOMSON, Solicitors, 3, King's Bench Walk, Temple; and of the Auctioneers, Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (less than two hours from Town).—Substantial Modern RESIDENCE, with extensive views over the Nene Valley; six bed and three reception rooms; gardens, tennis courts, orchard, etc.; three to four acres; hunting with three packs. Freehold, £3,000.—Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON & Co., 80, Cheapside, E.C. (9050.)

OFFICES 80, CHEAPSIDE, CITY, E.C.

MESSRS. GEO. TROLLOPE & SONS,

AUCTIONEERS, SURVEYORS, LAND AND ESTATE AGENTS,

14, MOUNT STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE, LONDON, W.

SURREY HILLS.—PORTLEY, Caterham (under a mile from Warlingham and Caterham Railway Stations, about 35 minutes from City and West End).

A very valuable FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 52 acres, standing some 650ft. above sea level, on light soil, and comprising an imposing Mansion (with entrance lodge), containing four reception, billiard, bath, and sixteen bedrooms, capital offices; gas and Company's water; first-class stabling for seven horses, with coach-house, cottage, and farmery; delightful pleasure grounds, productive kitchen gardens, gardener's cottage, well-timbered parklands and ornamental wood, etc.; the Property, which lies compactly, with extensive road frontages, offering several grand sites for good residences, possesses large prospective value.

TO be SOLD by PRIVATE TREATY.

Particulars may be obtained of Messrs. TROLLOPE, Estate Agents, Surveyors, and Auctioneers, 14, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

By direction of Andrew Pears, Esq., J.P., who is removing to Oxfordshire.

MIDDLESEX.—SPRING GROVE HOUSE, ISLEWORTH, within five minutes' walk of the railway station, with its excellent service of trains to Waterloo.

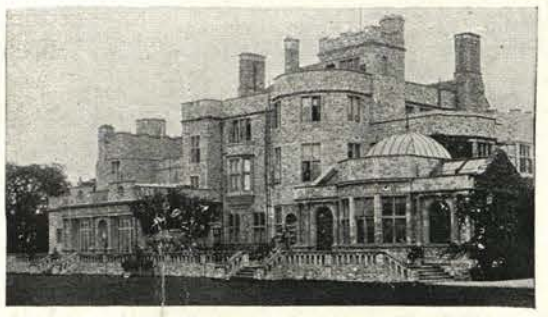
An exceptionally fine RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of some 20 acres, comprising a very imposing modern Mansion, remarkably well built and planned, approached from a lodge entrance, and containing all the necessary accommodation for a large establishment—a very special feature being the magnificent suites of reception rooms, with music saloon or ballroom, winter gardens and palm houses adjoining. The Mansion is most expensively fitted and decorated throughout, and replete with every modern luxury, including lift and electric light; there is a fine range of model stabling and farm-buildings, coachman's, gardener's, and laundrymaid's cottages, etc.; the beautiful pleasure grounds are grandly timbered and shrubbed, and there are extensive glasshouses, kitchen gardens, orchard, paddocks, etc.

The whole forming in every respect a most luxurious and perfect abode, within easy daily access of the Metropolis.

To be SOLD by PRIVATE TREATY.

Messrs. TROLLOPE, Estate Agents, Surveyors and Auctioneers, 14, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

By order of the Executors of the late J. Lawson Johnston, Esq.



KENT (Kingswood, within two minutes' walk of Sydenham Hill Railway Station, from whence the City and West End are reached in about twenty minutes).

A remarkably fine RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, of about 32 acres, occupying a high position and comprising an imposing stone-built Modern MANSION, approached by two carriage drives, each with entrance lodge, and most perfectly and luxuriously fitted and appointed in every detail, including electric light, telephones, etc. The accommodation comprises 27 bed and dressing rooms, five bathrooms, stately hall, magnificent suite of entertaining rooms, billiard and smoking rooms, and most complete offices; exceptionally fine stabling for nine horses with all necessary addenda, laundry with electric motor power, farmery, etc., beautiful pleasure grounds with ornamental lake, camellia and other glasshouses, capital kitchen gardens, and delightful undulating parklands. The whole Property, upon which money has recently been most lavishly expended, specially appeals to a business man or member of Parliament desirous of residing amidst lovely rural surroundings within a six-mile drive of the City.

To be SOLD by PRIVATE TREATY.

Particulars, with plan, of Messrs. TROLLOPE, Estate Agents, Surveyors, and Auctioneers, 14, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

PRICE £10,000 (50 minutes north of London).—A capital RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of nearly 70 acres, standing high, under a mile from station. The well-planned Residence, with lodge, contains eleven bed, bath, and four reception rooms; stabling for four; pretty pleasure grounds, productive orchard and grass land; all in first-class order.—Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

NEAR WINDSOR.—To LET on Lease, an imposing MANSION, replete with every comfort and convenience. It stands in lovely grounds of 36 acres, and contains 27 bed, three bath, billiard, and six reception rooms; stabling for eleven horses.—Inspected by Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

FORTHCOMING AUCTIONS.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES (within one-and-a-half miles of Sunbury and Hampton Railway Stations, and fronting the river).

The exceedingly valuable Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY known as "Darby House," comprising a charming Family Residence overlooking the Thames, and standing amidst delightfully-matured and well-timbered pleasure grounds. It is approached by two carriage drives, and contains fifteen bed, bath, and two dressing rooms, spacious hall, three reception rooms, and ample domestic offices; stabling for nine horses (six stalls and three loose boxes), with coach-houses and men's rooms, capital farmery, gardener's cottage, well-stocked kitchen garden, greenhouse, and orchard, delightful old pleasure gardens and park-like meadow, the whole extending to about fifteen acres, and including one of the famous Thames Eyots. For SALE, by AUCTION, At the Mart, E.C., at a date to be shortly announced, unless previously disposed of by Private Treaty.

Particulars (when ready) may be obtained of Messrs. TROLLOPE, Estate Agents, Surveyors, and Auctioneers, as above.

By direction of Executors.

SURREY.—MANOR HOUSE, Ditton Hill, occupying a delightful position on high ground, amidst lovely surroundings, in the favourite residential district between Surbiton and Esher, and within one-and-a-half miles of Surbiton Station, with its excellent service of express trains to and from London, whilst Claremont, Sandown Park, and the River Thames are within a short distance.

A singularly attractive and complete Residential Property, comprising a delightful Manor House, occupying a sunny position in beautiful old grounds dressed with fine timber, approached by a carriage drive with picturesque lodge entrance, and containing lofty saloon, hall with gallery, drawing room, dining room, billiard room, and schoolroom, fourteen bedrooms, two bathrooms, and capital domestic offices; first-rate modern stabling for five horses, with coach-house, men's rooms, etc.; charming pleasure gardens, with wide spreading lawns (tennis court), handsome shrubberies, ornamental lake and boat-house, productive kitchen gardens, orchard, range of greenhouses, etc., the whole extending to over eight acres. Held direct from the Right Hon. the Earl of Lovelace for an unexpired term of about 60 years, at a low ground rent. The adjoining meadow of about five acres is also rented from the Earl of Lovelace. Possession of the whole on completion of the purchase.

The Premises, which are most completely fitted and sound throughout, have recently been the subject of a large outlay in excellent taste, and the Property forms in every respect a very perfect and enjoyable abode for any gentleman fond of country pursuits yet desirous of residing within easy reach of the Metropolis; hunting with several packs, and close to a good golf course, cricket club, boating on the Thames, etc. To be SOLD by AUCTION, at the Mart, E.C., at an early date, in One Lot (Unless an acceptable offer be previously made privately).

Particulars, with plan and views, may be obtained of Messrs. CRUMP, SPROTT & Co., Solicitors, 6, Great George Street, Westminster; Messrs. DEBENHAM, TEWSON, FARMER, and BRIDGEWATER, 80, Cheapside, E.C.; and of Messrs. TROLLOPE, Surveyors and Estate Agents, as above.

TO DAIRY AND SHEEP FARMERS, HORSE-BREEDERS, ETC.
By order of Trustees.

NORTH DEVON (within about five miles of the market town of South Molton, and about midway between South Molton and South Molton Road Railway Stations).

A valuable Freehold DAIRY and MIXED FARM, in a good state of cultivation, extending to about 320 acres, comprising water meadow, rich pasture, and arable land, with capital farmhouse, two cottages, and ample buildings. The Property, which is at present Let at £200 per annum for a term expiring Michaelmas, 1905, is situate in the heart of a splendid sporting country, and is almost entirely surrounded by trout streams. It possesses several magnificent sites for the erection of a Mansion amidst grand scenery, and with the advantage of the exhilarating Exmoor air, and is eminently suitable for a dairy and sheep farm, or for horse breeding. To be SOLD by AUCTION, at an early date (unless previously disposed of by Private Treaty).

Particulars with plan and conditions of Sale, of the Vendors' Solicitor, JOSEPH PEARCE, Esq., Devereux Buildings, Devereux Court, Strand, W.C.; of GEORGE TURNER, Esq., Solicitor, Bideford; and with order to view of Messrs. TROLLOPE, Estate Agents, Surveyors, and Auctioneers, as above.

BY ORDER OF TRUSTEES.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE, LYDNEY.—The exceptionally valuable FREEHOLD PROPERTIES, known as "HIGHFIELD HOUSE ESTATE," and "TUTHILL FARM," situate on the outskirts of this market town with its stations on the Great Western and Midland Railways, and in every way ripe for immediate and profitable building development. The Estate comprises:—

Lot 1.—"HIGHFIELD HOUSE," an attractive well-built Residence, standing high, commanding grand views, approached by carriage drive, and containing seven principal bed and dressing rooms, three servants' rooms, five reception rooms, and the usual domestic offices; stabling for five with coach-house, etc.; well-timbered pleasure grounds with two greenhouses, partly walled kitchen garden and rich grass land, extending in all to some 7a. 1r. 0p. With possession of the Residence and gardens.

Lot 2.—"HIGHFIELD VILLA," a substantial stone-built Residence, standing high, surrounded by pretty garden with greenhouse, and containing four bedrooms, dressing room, two sitting rooms, kitchen, and usual offices; stable with coach-house; capital meadow; cottage and wheelwright's shop; in all about 7a. 3r. 36p.

Lot 3.—"TUTHILL FARM," comprising about 17a. 3r. 5p. of very valuable accommodation grass land, with orchard, cottage, and useful buildings. To be SOLD by AUCTION, at the Feathers Hotel, Lydney, at 2 o'clock, on Wednesday, July 23rd, in three Lots (unless previously disposed of by private treaty).

Particulars of JOSEPH PEARCE, ESQ., Solicitor, Devereux Buildings, Devereux Court, Strand, London, W.C.; and with orders to view of Messrs. TROLLOPE, Estate Agents, Surveyors and Auctioneers, 14, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

WITHIN A DRIVE OF THE CITY.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY, an exceedingly beautiful and very valuable RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, extending to about 180 acres, within ten minutes' walk of a station, only 30 minutes' rail of London, and comprising the above magnificent mansion of moderate size, and replete with every modern luxury and convenience, including electric light, Turkish and swimming baths, etc. There is ample stabling, lovely gardens, lodges, model cottages, agent's house, valuable nursery, etc., the whole forming a beau ideal abode for a gentleman of wealth desirous of residing within easy reach of the city.—Price and all details of Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

IN A LOVELY PART OF SURREY.

TO BE LET, Furnished, for the Summer, or through the winter if desired, the above charming moderate-sized MANSION, situate in a charming position between Dorking and Horsham. It stands in about three acres of grounds, and is further surrounded by about 400 acres of park land; approached by carriage drive of about half a mile in length, and protected by two lodges. Accommodation: eighteen bedrooms, three bathrooms, fine reception rooms and usual offices; stabling for fifteen horses; cottage and rooms, tennis lawn, and walled-in kitchen garden.—Terms, etc., can be obtained from the Agents Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

Furnished at 300 guineas per annum, with Shooting over 4,000 acres. Fishing.

ROXBURGHSHIRE.—The above attractive RESIDENCE, standing about 600ft. above sea level and containing nineteen bed, dressing and bathrooms, reception and billiard rooms; complete offices, etc.; stabling for five horses, cottage, etc.; the gardens are attractive and include large oval lawn, terraces, avenues, etc. The shooting is over about 4,000 acres, of which about 200 acres are well placed coverts; excellent sport is afforded with grouse, black game, pheasants, partridges, hares, etc.; trout fishing in two streams which intersect the Estate. To be LET for a term, one year, or for August, September and October.—Agents, Messrs. TROLLOPE as above.

WITHIN A DRIVE OF TOWN.

ROEHAMPTON.—To be LET, Furnished, for remainder of June or longer, the above exceptionally attractive RESIDENCE, containing five reception rooms, including full-sized billiard room, twelve or more bedrooms, bathroom, and capital domestic offices; stabling for ten horses, etc.; the grounds are of an exceedingly attractive nature, and extend to about six acres. Included is lawn, with space for croquet and tennis, exquisite flower garden, very productive fruit and kitchen gardens, vinery, peach-house, and conservatories. The grounds adjoin the Roehampton Polo Club. Hyde Park Corner is a drive of about five-and-a-half miles, and the railway station is about eight minutes' walk from the Residence. The Residence will be let to an exceptional tenant with the use of five servants, five gardeners, two horses, four carriages, coachman, groom, and plate and linen.—Inspected and strongly recommended by Messrs. TROLLOPE, as above.

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MESSRS. WALTON & LEE.

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YORKSHIRE (East; one-and-a-quarter miles from two stations, ten minutes' walk from village, post, and telegraph office).—To be LET, Furnished, with first-class shooting over 3,800 acres, the above fine old-fashioned COUNTRY MANSION, standing high in the centre of a heavily-timbered park, and in a good residential and sporting district; two long carriage drives, each with lodge at entrance; south aspect; three spacious reception rooms, billiard room, 26 bed and dressing rooms; good offices; stabling for eleven horses; drainage recently renovated on most approved modern principles; premises lighted by gas; well-matured and inexpensive gardens and pleasure grounds; five cottages; hunting with two packs; R.C. chapel adjoins Mansion.—Particulars of Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. Personally inspected. (14,814.)

IN THE THAMES VALLEY, BETWEEN MAIDENHEAD AND WINDSOR.

AN exceptionally attractive RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY situate about three miles from Maidenhead Town and Station on the Great Western Main Line, four miles from Windsor, and near some of the most beautiful reaches of the Thames. The Property comprises a charming Family Residence, known as "Foxleighs," occupying a pleasant situation, and containing entrance hall, three principal reception rooms, conservatory, and winter garden, eighteen bed and dressing rooms, and commodious domestic offices. There is an excellent range of stabling, with coach-house and two cottages. The pleasure grounds are exceedingly pretty, and contain Italian garden, tennis and croquet lawns, rose walk, and productive kitchen garden. The Property also includes an attractive Cottage Residence, known as "Foxley Cottage," with stabling and outbuildings; two sets of farm-buildings, and several enclosures of valuable building and accommodation land.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE will offer the above for SALE by AUCTION, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, E.C., on Wednesday, June 11th, 1902, at 2 o'clock precisely, in the following Lots (unless previously Sold privately):—

LOT.	DESCRIPTION.	AREA. A.	R.	P.
1	"Foxleighs" Residence, Grounds, etc....	10	3	5
2 to 5	Plots of Building Land	21	1	10
6	"Foxley Cottage," etc.	2	0	13
7	"Foxley Grove" Property	51	1	35
8	Accommodation Land.....	7	0	12
	Total	A.92	2	35

Particulars of Messrs. PARK NELSON & Co., Solicitors, 11, Essex Street, Strand, London, W.C.; and of the Auctioneers, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

CLEVEDON (Somerset), in a commanding position, overlooking the beautiful Salthouse Bay, the Bristol Channel, and the Welsh Mountains, and only 20 minutes by rail from Bristol.—The important Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY distinguished as "Clevedon Hall," comprising the above noble Mansion, encircled by superb grounds and parklands of about 23 acres, approached by long carriage drive, and containing magnificent hall (fitted with a full compass grand organ), suite of handsome reception rooms, billiard room, 24 bed and dressing rooms, ample domestic offices, and cellarage. The range of stabling accommodates nine horses, with carriage-house, coachman's and gardener's houses, and convenient outbuildings. The beautifully-timbered grounds include tennis, croquet, and other lawns, an ornamental lake, extensive walled fruit and kitchen gardens with range of glasshouses, parklands and plantations, the whole being enclosed by a park wall, and forming one of the finest Residential Properties of its character now in the market.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE will offer the above by AUCTION, at the Mart, London, E.C., on Wednesday, June 11th, 1902, at 2 o'clock, unless an acceptable offer be previously made.—Particulars, with plan, view, and conditions of Sale may be obtained of Messrs. MEADE, KING & SON, Solicitors, Baldwin Street, Bristol; and of the Auctioneers, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

IRELAND.—Salmon Fishing and Grouse Shooting.—To be LET, with a well Furnished LODGE, one of the best-known SALMON FISHINGS in Donegal, together with a large area of shooting. The lodge contains ample accommodation for a small party, and is conveniently placed.—Full particulars of Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (14,364.)

LEICESTERSHIRE (two miles from a main line station).—To be LET, Furnished, on a yearly tenancy, or a short term of years, handsome stone-built Family MANSION, standing high, in a park, and commanding extensive views. It contains large hall, five reception rooms, billiard room, about 30 bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and excellent domestic offices; stabling for seventeen horses, large coach-house, coachman's cottage, and other accessories. Shooting over nearly 4,000 acres, of which about 500 acres are covert, and hunting with three packs of hounds.—Full particulars of the Agents, Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (16,872.)

BERKS (on outskirts of pretty rural village, one-and-a-half miles from station, and half an hour's drive from Didcot Junction).—To be LET, Unfurnished, with possession, the above quaint old-fashioned COTTAGE RESIDENCE, on gravel soil, with extensive views, and having good garden; stabling for six; outbuildings, farmery, cottage, paddock; orchard of two-and-a-half acres, and meadow land, in all about eleven acres; exceptionally good and abundant water supply; modern drainage just completed; whole premises in first-rate order; five minutes to church and post-office; good hunting; shooting can usually be hired. Rent £100. Additional land up to 37 acres if desired.—Apply to Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. Inspected and recommended. (16,495.)

FORTY MINUTES FROM TOWN.

THE ABOVE exceptionally well appointed RESIDENCE, encircled by singularly beautiful grounds and parklands, is now for SALE on account of the owner, for family reasons, having decided to reside in the North of England. It is approached by avenue drive with entrance lodges, and contains a grand entrance hall, handsome suite of spacious reception rooms, billiard room, conservatory, palm-house, fifteen bed and dressing rooms, boudoir, bathroom, and admirably arranged domestic offices; there is ample stabling, with kennels and convenient outbuildings. The superb grounds are finely-timbered and contain croquet and tennis lawns, archery, lawn, charming terraced walks, and a sheet of ornamental water; Excellent fruit and kitchen gardens; parklands with cricket ground, the whole extending to nearly 40 acres, and being in absolutely perfect order; near station, church, telegraph and doctor; gas and water laid on; sanitation excellent. This delightful country home, seated amidst desirable social surroundings, is especially adapted to the requirements of a gentleman engaged in business in the City or West End.—Personally inspected and strongly recommended by Messrs. WALTON and LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,354.)

DARTMOOR (near; close to telegraph and post-office, under a mile from a station).—To be SOLD or LET, Furnished, for Summer months, a charming little Freehold PROPERTY of about three acres, including a substantially-built Residence, containing three reception rooms, eight bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and excellent domestic offices; stabling for three, coach-house, etc.; pretty pleasure grounds, productive kitchen garden. Excellent drainage; gas laid on. Delightful scenery; excellent sporting facilities.—Full particulars of Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (4380.)

IN the most beautiful part of Devon, a compact and attractive Freehold PROPERTY may now be purchased on advantageous terms by a prompt buyer. It comprises a pleasant Residence containing two good reception rooms, five bedrooms, bathroom, and offices, together with stabling, carriage-house and good cottage; pretty garden with conservatory; hot and cold water laid on throughout; good hunting and fishing obtainable.—Particulars of Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,376.)

SOUTH COAST (two-and-a-quarter hours from London and about two miles from station).—To be SOLD, Freehold, or LET, Furnished, a very choice MARINE RESIDENCE, standing in well-wooded grounds, sloping to shore, and commanding delightful views. It contains sixteen good bedrooms, billiard, and five reception rooms, and convenient offices, servants' hall, etc.; capital stabling for nine horses; Company's water, modern sanitation; telephone; excellent facilities for sea bathing and yachting, also sea and river boating; good sporting neighbourhood. Moderate price and rent.—Apply to Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (14,983.)

MIDDLESEX (adjacent to the pretty village of Cowley, amid perfectly rural surroundings, one mile from Uxbridge, and about one-mile-and-three-quarters from West Drayton Junction, on the main line of the G.W. Ry., whence London is reached by a frequent service of fast trains).—The singularly attractive Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, known as "Grove Lodge," pleasantly situated some 250 yards from the pretty village of Cowley, and comprising the above perfectly-equipped Residence, in excellent order and condition, approached by carriage drive, and containing entrance hall, three reception rooms, conservatory, nine bed and dressing rooms, bathroom (h. and c.), and well-arranged domestic offices; stabling, carriage house, and coachman's rooms. Beautifully sheltered and matured grounds, embracing pleasure garden, with tennis and croquet lawn, large orchard, and productive kitchen garden; the whole extending to an area of about two acres.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE will offer the above for SALE, by AUCTION, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, E.C., on Wednesday, June 11th, 1902, at 2 o'clock precisely, unless previously Sold Privately.—Particulars of J. S. PHILLIPS, Esq. Solicitor, 253, Edgware Road, London, W.; and of the Auctioneers, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

WILTSHIRE (about five miles from Swindon, and one-and-a-half miles from Shrivenham Stations on the G.W. Ry. Main Line, and within a mile of Highworth and Stanton Fitzwarren Stations respectively, on the Swindon and Highworth Branch of the same service).—The important and valuable Freehold RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE known as "Warneford Place," comprising an area of upwards of 2,550 acres, and including a commodious old-fashioned Family Mansion, delightfully seated in splendidly-matured gardens and pleasure grounds, embracing a picturesque lake with an island and boat-house. The Residence, which is approached through a noble avenue of magnificent elms, with two entrance lodges, is a substantially-built structure of brick, stone and slate of the XVIth Century, and contains seven reception rooms, fourteen bed and dressing rooms, nine servants' rooms, and convenient offices and cellarage; the stabling affords accommodation for thirteen horses, with corresponding coach-houses, harness rooms, etc.; the kitchen gardens are completely walled, are exceedingly productive, well stocked with fruit trees, and include a good quantity of glass. The Estate is divided into nine farms, which are all let to a good tenantry, and each holding is provided with a suitable homestead, while there is also a sufficiency of cottages for all purposes. The Property is in an excellent hunting district, lying as it does on the borders of the V. W. H. and Old Berks countries, and the House is a favourite meet of the former pack. The Estate also affords capital all-round shooting.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE will offer the above for SALE by AUCTION, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, E.C., on Wednesday, June 11th, 1902, at 2 o'clock precisely, unless previously Sold privately.—Particulars may be had of Messrs. DUFFIELD, BRUTY & Co., Solicitors, 40, New Broad Street, London, E.C.; Messrs. SEWELL & SONS, Solicitors, Cirencester; Messrs. MARTIN NOCKOLDS & SONS, Land Agents, Saffron Walden and Cambridge; or of the Auctioneers, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

HERTS (near Hitchin).—To be LET, handsomely Furnished, this exceptionally well-fitted and moderate-sized Family MANSION, standing about 500ft. above sea level, on gravel soil. It is approached by a pretty entrance lodge, and contains large front hall and minstrel gallery, five reception rooms, including billiard room, and thirteen well-appointed bed and dressing rooms and two bathrooms; the domestic offices are ample and well arranged; excellent water supply; first-class drainage, and gas laid on; stabling for eight horses, large carriage-house, men's rooms, bailiff's quarters, two cottages; the pleasure grounds include an ornamental wood, two large tennis courts, fish-pond and island, garden, house, and kitchen garden. Shooting over about 1,300 acres, about 150 brace of partridges being easily obtainable in the season; hunting with four packs. Personally inspected and strongly recommended.—Full particulars and orders to view of Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (9269.)

30 MINUTES by fast trains from the City, in a delightfully rural situation, 300ft. above sea level, commanding fine views.—A perfect RESIDENCE to be LET, Furnished, for the Summer, or for a term, together with about 1,000 acres of excellent shooting, affording for its size first-class sport. The House, approached by two drives with entrance lodges, contains usual reception rooms, billiard room, seventeen bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, and first-class domestic offices; stabling for several horses, coach-houses, cottage, and men's rooms; very picturesque grounds, including large tennis and croquet lawns, and charming plantations; large kitchen garden; several glasshouses, and land if required. Hunting, golfing, etc.—Inspected and highly recommended by Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (13,697.)

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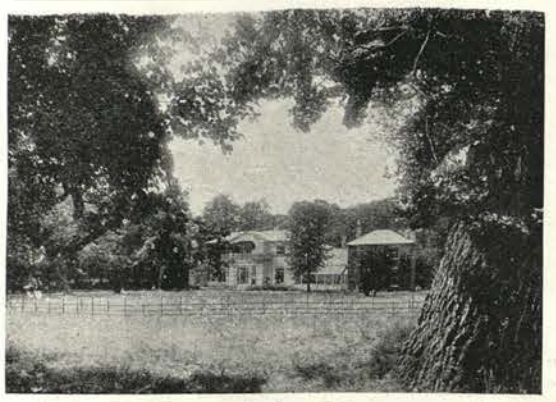


MIDDLESEX (on the borders of Surrey, two miles from the Thames at Walton, and less than 20 miles from the Metropolis).—The valuable Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, known as "Charlton Court," in the parish of Sunbury, and about one mile from Shepperton Station, comprising the above very attractive old-fashioned Residence on light loam soil, with gravel subsoil, and containing entrance and staircase halls, three reception rooms, billiard room, eleven bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and convenient domestic offices. It is centrally placed in charming pleasure grounds, and two enclosures of finely-timbered meadow land, forming a miniature park, and includes two completely walled fruit and vegetable gardens and orchard; excellent modern stabling for six horses, with gabled lodge for coachman adjoining; a useful set of farm buildings, cottage for gardener, and laundry, about 16a. 3r. 15p. in all.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE will offer the above for SALE by AUCTION, at the Mart, London, E.C., on Wednesday, 11th June, 1902, at 2 o'clock precisely (unless previously Sold privately).—Particulars may be had of Messrs. TURNBULL and SON, Solicitors, Scarborough; or of the Auctioneers, at their Offices, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

AN exceptionally desirable SPORTING and RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, situated in Leicestershire, and forming one of the finest properties in the Midlands, might be purchased privately by principals or their solicitors only. It extends to an area approaching 3,000 acres, with a moderate-sized Mansion seated in attractive grounds, and encircled by finely-timbered park with large ornamental lake. The Residence is approached by carriage drives, with handsome entrance lodges, and contains suite of reception rooms, billiard room, twelve bedrooms, bathroom, and well-arranged offices. It is heated throughout, exquisitely appointed, and in absolutely perfect order. Superior stabling, carriage house, men's accommodation, and buildings. The grounds are beautifully-timbered, and include tennis and croquet lawns, delightful pleasure grounds, sloping to a large lake with boat-house. Excellent fruit and kitchen gardens. The park is studded with fine ornamental trees, and the agricultural portion of the property, consisting chiefly of rich pasture land, is divided into suitable farms with excellent homesteads and buildings, the whole being let to an old-established tenantry, and producing a rental of over £3,500 per annum. Good shooting (with nearly 100 acres of coverts), coarse fishing, and hunting with four well-known packs of hounds. This superb property is in the highest possible order and condition, and forms one of the choicest Residential and Sporting Estates of its character in the Kingdom.—Personally inspected and strongly recommended by Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (16,726.)

WARWICKSHIRE HUNT (two miles from the kennels and a station, seven-and-a-half miles from Stratford-on-Avon, eight from Warwick, ten from Leamington).—To be LET, Furnished, one of the finest SEATS in the Midlands. It stands in an extensive and grandly-timbered park with large lake therein, and contains noble entrance hall, six fine reception rooms, billiard room, 20 principal bed and dressing rooms, several servants' bedrooms, and necessary offices; stabling for between 30 and 40 horses, large coach-houses, numerous rooms for coachman and grooms. Water by gravitation; modern drainage on the most approved principles. The pleasure grounds are of a very beautiful description, sloping to a lake, and include tennis lawns, large walled kitchen garden with several glasshouses. Shooting over the Estate of upwards of 3,000 acres, affording an excellent mixed bag; additional shooting if required. Hunting four days a week with the Warwickshire, and also the North Warwickshire, Bicester and Grafton Hounds. Inspected and highly recommended.—Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (13,636.)

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY (half an hour's run from the City and West End, in a most healthy and pleasant district).—To be LET, well Furnished, for any period up to three years, the above most charming COUNTRY RESIDENCE, standing in capital grounds of about six acres in extent, well secluded, and approached by a carriage drive. The Residence contains fine hall, five handsome reception rooms, billiard room; winter garden; thirteen bed and dressing rooms, three bathrooms, housekeeper's room and first-class offices; telephone; stabling of six loose boxes and two stalls; five glasshouses, gardener's cottage, coachman's house, charmingly laid out lawns and shrubberies; capital garden and orchard. Full staff of servants throughout if desired; also the horses and carriages, by arrangement. Replete with every comfort and convenience, the result of a large expenditure. The whole Property in first-class order. Rent £350.—Particulars and orders to view of Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,288.)

VALUATIONS of ESTATES, HOUSES, LAND and TIMBER, for SALE, PURCHASE, TRUSTEES' and MORTGAGE PURPOSES,

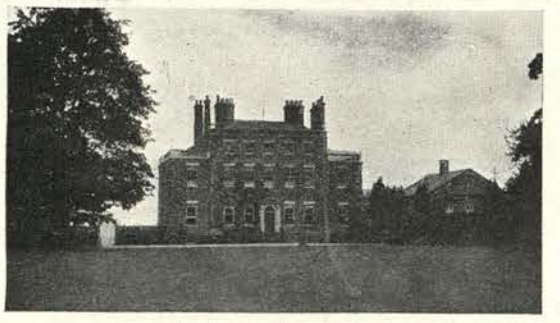
Form a speciality in Messrs. WALTON & LEE'S business, terms for which may be had on application.—Offices: No. 10, Mount Street, W.

A PERFECT COUNTRY HOME.

THE above excellently-appointed MANSION, grandly positioned in the beautiful neighbourhood of Minchinhampton, in the county of Gloucester, would be LET, Furnished by the year. It contains handsome suite of reception rooms, billiard room, 20 bedrooms, and well-arranged servants' apartments, and is in absolutely perfect order throughout; stabling for ten horses, and men's accommodation; large grounds, with fine expanse of lawns; large lake, with boat-house; the whole extending to about 20 acres. Good rough shooting, capital pike fishing, and hunting with three crack packs of hounds.—Personally inspected and recommended by Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (16,938.)

THE UPPER THAMES (within five minutes' walk of a favourite reach, between Marlow and Henley).—To be LET on Lease, charming XVth Century style MANOR HOUSE, recently restored at considerable expense, and fitted with all modern conveniences. Fine hall and staircase, large and handsome drawing and dining rooms, eight bedrooms, bath, capital offices; flower and vegetable gardens. Near to church and post and telegraph offices. Rent £130. Additional land if desired. Personally inspected.—Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,096.)

SURREY (one mile from good station on L. B. & S. C. Ry., and 50 minutes from the City).—To be LET, Furnished, for six months or by the year, a very comfortable two-storied RESIDENCE, in shady grounds of three acres; four reception, nine bedrooms, bath, servants' hall, and offices (lofty rooms); Company's water, gas, modern drainage; stabling for six, and men's rooms. Hunting, fishing, and golf within reach. Personally inspected.—Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,048.)

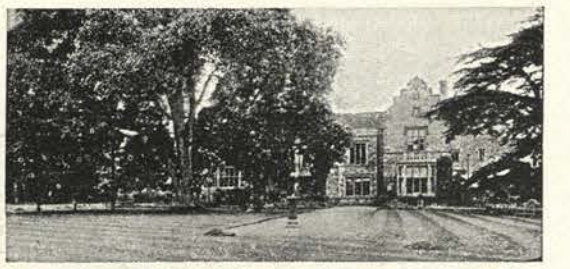


By Order of Trustees.

The Pitsford Hall Estate, Northamptonshire.

PRELIMINARY announcement of the SALE of the compact and exceptionally choice Freehold SPORTING and RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, distinguished as "The Pitsford Hall Estate," situate in the heart of the Pytchley Country, amidst singularly attractive social and sporting surroundings, one-and-a-half miles from Pitsford station on the London and North Western Railway, and five miles from Northampton. It comprises an attractive Family Residence, occupying a fine position some 350ft. above the sea level, approached by a carriage drive, and containing good entrance hall, suite of reception rooms, eighteen bedrooms, well-arranged domestic offices and ample cellarage. The House is well appointed and heated throughout; the water supply is pure and abundant, and the sanitation modern and satisfactory. There is an excellent range of stabling, providing accommodation for eight horses, together with two carriage houses, harness and saddle rooms; quarters for coachman and grooms, and hay and corn lofts. The pleasure grounds are of an unpretentious character, inexpensive of maintenance, and comprise a considerable expanse of old turf lawns and plantations, and a good walled kitchen garden. Conveniently adjacent is a small farmery with suitable buildings, together with two good cottages, and the park-like lands encircling the mansion are of rich grazing pasture, studded with finely-grown timber, the whole extending to an area of about 71 acres, and forming one of the choicest properties of its character now in the market.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE are instructed to offer the above by AUCTION during the month of July, on a date to be hereafter announced, unless an acceptable offer be previously made. Particulars with plan, view and conditions of Sale, may be obtained in due course of the Auctioneers at their Offices, 10, Mount Street, London, W.



NORTHANTS (on the borders of Leicestershire and Warwickshire, about seven miles south-east of Rugby, sixteen miles from Northampton, four miles from Daventry, two miles south of Kilsby Station, and one-and-a-half miles from Welton Station on the L. & N. W. Ry. main line).—The exceedingly interesting RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING PROPERTY, known as the "Ashby St. Ledger's Estate, comprising the above charming old historical family Mansion, known as "The Manor House," forming a really beautiful and genuine specimen of early Tudor domestic architecture, the principal front having been erected in the time of Edward III. It contains large front reception hall, richly panelled in dark oak, four other handsome reception rooms similarly fitted, eleven principal bed and dressing rooms, bathroom and water closets, four servants' bedrooms, together with four detached secondary bachelors' bedrooms, commodious domestic offices, and cellarage; the stabling, which has been recently erected at great cost, embodies all the best modern improvements, and affords accommodation for nineteen horses, with coach-house, harness and saddle rooms, and grooms' rooms over. The pleasure grounds are extensive and well matured, and include tennis courts, croquet lawn, excellent walled garden, with two vineries and greenhouse. The Property also comprises a moderate-sized Hunting Residence, known as "Welton House," several agricultural holdings, all with excellent homesteads and served by good roads; the Coach and Horses Inn, and various small Residences and cottages, situate in the village of Ashby St. Ledgers, together with numerous enclosures of accommodation land near the village of Braunston, Barby, Kilsby and Long Buckby.—Messrs.

WALTON & LEE will offer the above for SALE by AUCTION, at the Royal George Hotel, Rugby, on Monday, June 16th, 1902, at 2 o'clock precisely (unless sold by Private Treaty), in the following convenient Lots:—

No. of Lot.	Description.	Quantity. A.	R.	P.	Rental. £	S.	D.
1	Ashby St. Ledgers Manor House Grounds, Home Farm, etc...	1,378	2	9	2,250	17	6
2	Coach and Horses Inn, etc.....	81	0	34	126	1	0
3, 4, & 5	Accommodation Land.....	43	2	6	72	14	0
6	Agricultural Holding	68	0	1	82	5	0
7	Welton House, Grounds, etc...	11	0	38	107	7	6
8-19	Accommodation Lands	218	2	39	315	19	4
20	Burnum's Barn Farm	94	2	7	114	10	0
21	Building Land	2	3	29	8	0	0
22	Accommodation Holding	114	1	0	113	0	0
	Total.....	A.2,013	0	3	£3,190	14	4

Particulars may be obtained of Messrs. TYSON & HOBSON, Solicitors, Maryport, Cumberland; A. TREMAYNE BULLER, Esq., Land Agent, Bath Road, Swindon; or of the Auctioneers, at their Offices, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

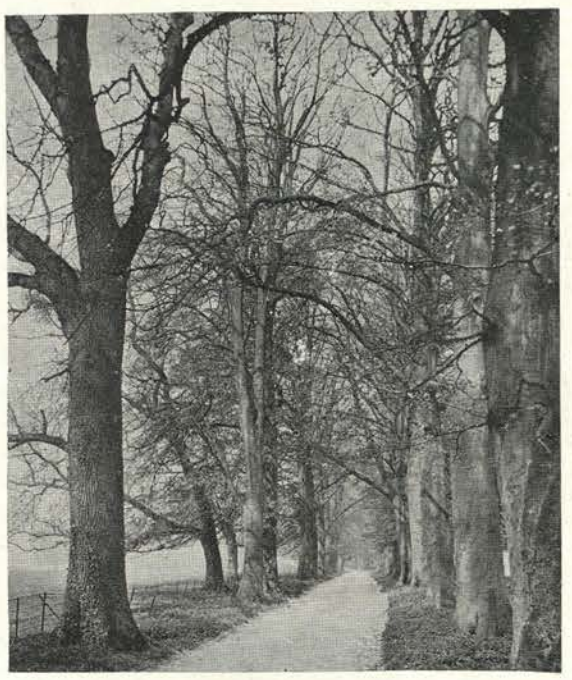
AMIDST THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SCENERY IN THE WEALD OF KENT (two miles from town and station; near church, post, and telegraph; and about 20 miles from London).—To be LET, Furnished, for the Summer months, or possibly longer, an exceptionally fine old Tudor MANSION, splendidly placed some 600ft. above sea level, embracing magnificent views. It is approached by carriage drive passing through beautiful sheltered grounds, and contains suite of reception rooms, seventeen bedrooms, and the usual offices. It is handsomely Furnished throughout in a style characteristic of the period, and with a view to every comfort and convenience. Stabling for eight horses, carriage house, etc.; charming grounds, with tennis and croquet lawns, broad-terraced and other walks, and containing fine specimens of forest and ornamental timber; lake, with boat-house; well-timbered parklands with woodland walks. Superior social surroundings. Good shooting can be obtained, and hunting with three packs.—Personally inspected and strongly recommended by Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,091.)

CO. WEXFORD (near a station and three miles from a market town).—The above very desirable MANSION of medium size to be LET, Furnished, with or without about 550 acres of excellent grazing land. The Residence, surrounded by delightful pleasure gardens, occupies a beautiful position well above and with grounds sloping to the River Slaney, and is approached by two carriage drives, each with lodge at entrance; suite of four reception rooms and billiard room, boudoir, sixteen good bed and dressing and bathrooms, etc.; stabling for ten. The Estate, which is in a ring fence, with a full complement of excellent farm-buildings, shelters, etc., has quite a reputation for the successful breeding of thoroughbred stock. Good rough shooting, hunting and fishing.—Apply Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,331.)

HAMPTON & SONS.

A CHOICE COUNTY SEAT.

SURREY (near Dorking and Leatherhead, amid the beautifully wooded hills, in the most rural part of the county, only two miles from Bookham and Boxhill Stations, and about three miles from Leatherhead, and 50 minutes' rail of London).—The exceptionally choice Freehold RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE, well known as the beautiful Surrey seat of the late Sir Walter Farquhar, Bart., and distinguished as "Polesden Lacey," near Dorking. The Mansion occupies a very fine situation, nearly 500ft. above sea level, in a grand old park of 400 acres, boldly undulating and bounded by Ranmore Common. It has three carriage drives, one leading through a noble avenue of giant beeches



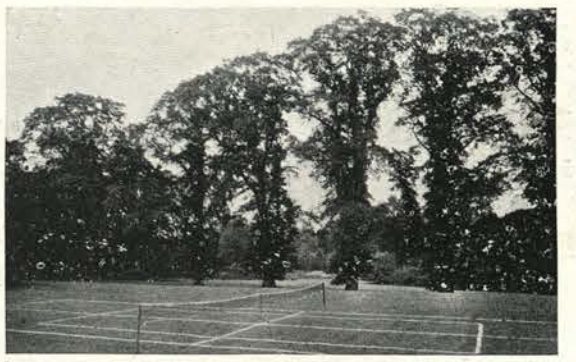
THE AVENUE DRIVE.

and contains outer and inner halls, lofty dining room, 40ft. by 24ft., five reception rooms of fine proportions, 25 bed and dressing rooms and complete range of domestic offices; stabling for ten horses, coachman's house, etc., three lodge entrances, charming pleasure grounds and gardens, comprising a terrace garden with parterres; a lovely natural terrace walk about 500 yards long, protected on the North by a wood, and commanding lovely views over the park and Ranmore Common, shrubberies, lawns, productive kitchen garden, and range of glasshouses, etc.; four farms, mostly grass, with good houses and buildings; about 210 acres of excellent pheasant coverts intersected throughout the estate, and some first-rate partridge ground, the total area being about 900 acres. Hunting with stag and foxhounds; golf; the Northern portion of the Property has valuable building frontages. For SALE (in One or more Lots) by Private Treaty, and if not so disposed of will be SOLD by AUCTION on June 19.—Particulars of Messrs. ASHURST, MORRIS, CRISP & Co., Solicitors, 17, Throgmorton Avenue, E.C.; and of HAMPTON and SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

PICTURESQUE WALES.

NORTH WALES (amidst beautiful scenery).—To be LET, Furnished, for the Summer or for a longer period, the above most comfortable and attractive modern RESIDENCE, occupying a very fine position on high ground, surrounded by lovely grounds and an extensive park, bordered by picturesque river affording good fishing. The Residence is approached by winding avenue drive, and is a modern structure with every possible convenience. It comprises inner and outer halls, five excellent reception rooms, conservatory, billiard room with ante-room, twelve bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, housekeeper's room, servants' hall, and complete offices; stabling for six horses; two tennis courts, bowling green, productive kitchen garden and vinery. Dry soil. Two miles of fishing; shooting by arrangement. South and south-west aspects. Station one-and-a-half miles; market town within a short drive. Rent moderate.—Inspected and recommended by HAMPTON & SONS, 1 Cockspur Street, S.W.

ON THE CHILTERN HILLS.



THE VACHE.

HISTORICAL RESIDENCE, FARMS, BUILDING SITES.
LORDSHIP OF MANOR, 1,000 ACRES.

BUCKS AND HERTS (Borders).—Beautiful and bracing position, about 400ft. above sea level, amidst lovely scenery, on gravelly soil, two-and-a-half-miles from Chalfont Station and Chorley Wood Golf Links, and about five miles from the town of Ricksmansworth.

OLD PLEASURE GROUNDS AND LAKE.

The VACHE PARK ESTATE, Chalfont St. Giles, consisting of the historical Residence containing noble billiard saloon, five reception, two bath, fifteen bed and dressing rooms, servants' hall, and offices; stabling for ten, two entrance lodges, two cottages for coachman and gardener, model home farm, bailiff's house, excellent farm-buildings, and four new cottages; grand old park and woodlands; lordship of manor; four Freehold farms, and several superb building sites. In Lots as follows:—

1.	Building Site	13 acres.
2.	,, ,,	12 acres.
3.	Vache Mansion and	350 acres.
4.	Harewood Downs Farm, with gentleman's small residence	110 acres.
5 & 7.	Water Meadows	10 & 11 acres.
6.	Misbourne Farm	42 acres.
8, 9, 10 & 11.	Building Sites, Woodlands, near station, about	10 acres each.
12 & 13.	Building sites	7 and 5 acres.
14.	Field of	60a. long frontages.
15.	Superb Site for Mansion	28 acres.
16.	Goreland Farm, with historical farm-house	117 acres.
17.	Woodlands of	100 acres.
18 & 20.	Fields of	21 and 15 acres.
19.	Shrubs Wood	33 acres.
21.	Roberts Farm	148 acres.

For SALE by Private Treaty, and if not so disposed of will be SOLD by AUCTION on July 21st.—Particulars of Messrs. WOODBRIDGE & SON, Solicitors, Uxbridge; of Messrs. W. and F. EVES, Land Agents, Uxbridge; and of the Auctioneers, HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

FOR THE SUMMER.

IN a magnificent position, on very high ground, commanding panoramic views over a notedly beautiful part of Hampshire, just over an hour from Town.—To be LET for eight or ten weeks, a well Furnished RESIDENCE, containing three or four reception rooms, eight bedrooms and good offices; stabling for six; delightful grounds, lawns, flower garden, and small park.—Strongly recommended by HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF TOWN.
300ft. above sea level.

TO BE SOLD, Freehold, the above attractive, old-fashioned RESIDENCE, having beautiful and uninterrupted views over the Surrey Hills. It is approached by a carriage sweep with lodge, and contains three reception rooms, conservatory, full-size billiard room, thirteen bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, and capital offices; electric light, telephone; stabling for four. The grounds are about three acres in extent, and include tennis and other lawns, prolific kitchen gardens and orchard, large range of glasshouses, including orchard and orchid houses, fernery, vinery, greenhouses, etc.—Further particulars of HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

TO CLOSE A TRUST ESTATE.
PERFECT RIVERSIDE MANSION.

WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE (Banks of the Thames, occupying a most enviable position on rising ground in the most favourite part of the river).—The well-known and very choice Freehold RIVERSIDE ESTATE known as "Mount Felix," Walton-on-Thames; comprising a stately mansion, one of the finest examples of Italian style in England, in perfect order throughout, and replete with every modern convenience and luxury, including a most complete installation of electric light, heating apparatus, etc. It is approached by two carriage drives with three lodge entrances, and entered from a bold portico, surmounted by a lofty tower, and contains a fine reception hall 45ft. by 30ft., suite of fine entertaining rooms of handsome proportions, billiard room, lavatory, etc.; passenger lift and imposing staircase to upper floor, with 25 bed and dressing rooms, boudoir, five fitted bathrooms with elaborate fittings, and very complete range of domestic offices with men's rooms; perfect stabling for 21 horses, rooms for coachman and grooms, and summering boxes for hunters, model farmery, laundry, dairy, lovely old pleasure grounds heavily timbered and displayed in terraces, old turf lawns, etc., productive kitchen garden, range of new glasshouses, and undulating park, in all about 50 acres, with river frontage of a quarter of a mile. Close to Sandown, Kempton, Hurst Park, Windsor, and Ascot Racecourses.

MOUNT FELIX—VIEW IN GROUNDS.

FOR SALE, by order of the Trustees (in one or three lots), by Private Treaty, and if not so disposed of will be SOLD by AUCTION on July 8th. Particulars of Messrs. SHAEN, ROSCOE, MASSEY & Co., 8, Bedford Row, W.C., Solicitors; of Messrs. BANNISTER, WILLIAMS & RAM, 13, John Street, Bedford Row W.C.; and of HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

EXCEPTIONALLY CHOICE RESIDENCE.

GORING-ON-THAMES.—The above delightful RESIDENCE for SALE, surrounded by beautiful grounds and meadow land with long frontage to river. It is in splendid order, fitted with electric light, approached by drive with lodge, and contains halls, four delightful reception rooms, ten to twelve bedrooms, bathrooms, boxroom, etc.; stabling for four horses, coach-house, harness room, and outbuildings; large boat-house, etc.; near English and R.C. churches, hunting, and golf. Very strongly recommended by the Sole Agents, HAMPTON & SONS.

STROUD (Gloucestershire; within three-quarters of a mile of the station on the G.W. Ry., with fast train service to London, and easily accessible to Bristol and the North. Hunting with two packs, and golf; dry, sandy soil).—The Freehold stone-built Family RESIDENCE, known as "Y Coed," Stroud, approached by a carriage drive, and containing ten bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, full-sized billiard room, conservatory, two staircases, and unusually good offices, including servants' hall; stabling for two horses, gardener's and coachman's cottages; pleasure grounds of great beauty, well laid out and beautifully timbered, croquet and tennis lawns, gravelled tennis courts, kitchen and fruit gardens, summer-house, and vineries, in all about three acres; Company's water and gas. For SALE by Private Treaty, and if not so disposed of will be SOLD by AUCTION on July 21st.

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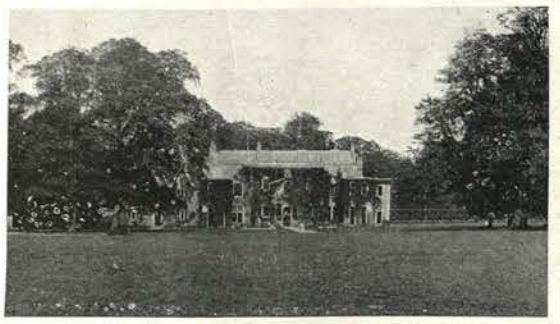
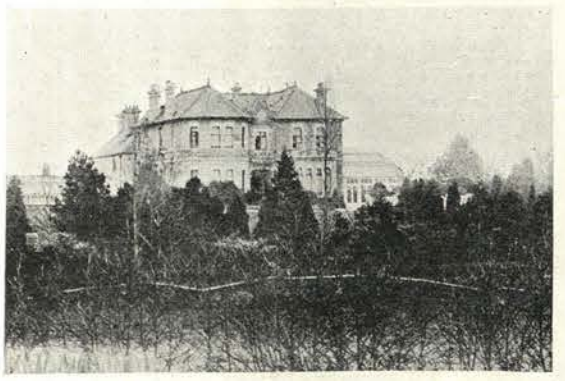
ON THE MENDIP HILLS.



THE above fine old Elizabethan RESIDENCE, standing in a finely-timbered park, to be LET, Furnished, for the Summer months, or Unfurnished on Lease. The House is approached by a carriage drive with lodge entrance, and contains seventeen bed and dressing rooms, five reception rooms, domestic offices, including servants' hall, housekeeper's room, etc.; stabling for seven horses; charming grounds, and walled kitchen garden, etc. Rent nominal.—Further particulars of HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

BOATING, FISHING, HUNTING, SHOOTING.



MIDHURST (close to this ancient market town, and ten minutes from the two stations; elevated position; delightful and varied views).—The Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, Rotherfield House, Midhurst, comprising a handsome stone-built modern Residence, containing fine billiard room, conservatory, three reception, bath, and eleven bedrooms, and ground floor domestic offices; model laundry; stabling for four horses, farmery, cottages for coachman and gardener; well-maintained pleasure grounds sloping to the River Rother. Completely walled kitchen garden, glasshouses, orchard, and meadow land, in all nearly twenty acres. For SALE by Private Treaty and if not so disposed of will be Sold by Auction on July 21st.—Particulars of Messrs. NASH, FIELD & CO., Solicitors, 12, Queen Street, E.C.; and of HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

HERTS. 40 MINUTES OF TOWN.

TO BE LET, Unfurnished, an old-fashioned HOUSE recently improved and fitted with modern arrangements situate half-a-mile from a station, on gravel soil, and containing good roomy hall, four reception rooms, extensive offices, cellars, twelve bed and dressing rooms, bathroom; water laid on; stabling for nine, two cottages, and numerous outbuildings, well-timbered gardens of about four acres, and meadow land of about fifteen acres. From an immediate tenant exceptionally low terms will be acepted, the owner having another house awaiting his occupation.—Inspected by HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

HUNTING, SHOOTING.

ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOURS NORTH OF LONDON.—The above handsome stone-built RESIDENCE to be LET, fully and completely Furnished, and surrounded by a delightful park, with unusually fine pleasure grounds. The sporting facilities are first class, as hunting can be enjoyed with three well-known packs, and there is capital shooting over 3,000 acres. Average bag, 2,000 pheasants, 500 partridges, 600 rabbits and 30 hares. Accommodation: six reception rooms, 20 best bed and dressing rooms, servants' rooms, and very complete domestic offices; ample stabling. One mile from station.—Further particulars of the Sole Agents, HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

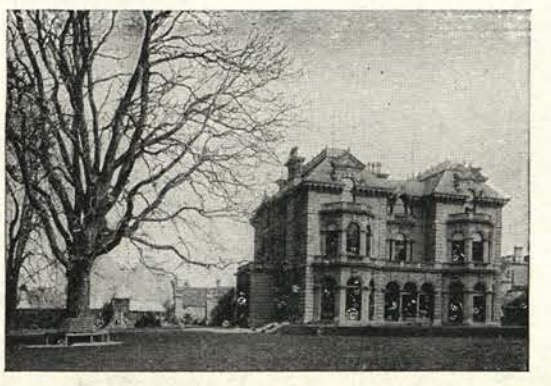
GRAND SHOOTING. BEAUTIFUL OLD HOUSE.

EASTERN COUNTIES (in one of the most favourite sporting centres, close to a station, and a short drive from a good town).—For SALE, a very choice SPORTING and RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 4,000 acres, on which large bags have been made, and at the same time producing a most substantial rent roll. The Mansion is a beautiful structure of good architectural character, standing in a finely-wooded park, and providing ample accommodation for a good establishment, without being at all unwieldy.—Detailed particulars, plan, and views may be seen at the Agents, HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

A REALLY FINE COUNTY SEAT.

CONVENIENT for Liverpool, Manchester, and London.—To be LET, for a short term of years, standing in a high position, surrounded by a magnificently-timbered park of over 300 acres in extent, and containing a herd of deer. The hunting facilities are unusually good, as six days a week can be enjoyed (without training) with three well-known packs. Shooting over 2,700 acres. The Mansion is well Furnished, fitted with electric light, and contains handsome reception rooms, upwards of 30 bedrooms, and ample domestic offices. The gardens and grounds are of great natural beauty, are in splendid order, and ornamented by a large lake, affording boating and fishing; range of stabling, cottages, etc. Inspected and recommended.

HUNTING, GOLF. FISHING.

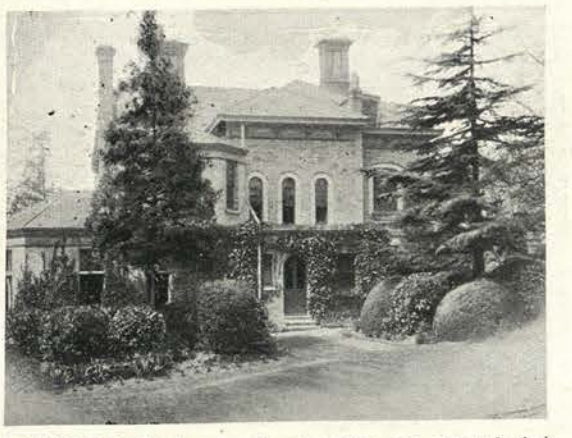


WILTS (near Chippenham).—The above excellent RESIDENCE, in the Italian style, to be SOLD or LET, Unfurnished, together with about ten acres of capital grounds, including large walled kitchen garden and pasture land. Accommodation: thirteen bedrooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, large entrance hall, full-size billiard room, etc.; good gardens, with capital lawns. Hunting four days a week, golf and fishing in the district.—Further particulars and orders to view of Messrs. HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

IN THE CHOICEST PART OF THE COUNTY.

HERTFORDSHIRE (about half an hour from Town).—To be LET, Furnished, for a term of years, the above most attractive COUNTRY SEAT, together with excellent shooting over 2,300 acres, including 400 acres of cover. It is placed on high ground on gravel soil, with lovely views, in the centre of a fine park of 150 acres, and comprises over 30 bedrooms, bathroom, three very spacious reception rooms, large hall, full-sized billiard table, servants' hall, housekeeper's room, laundry, dairy, complete offices, and every convenience; stabling for ten horses, cottages for men; very charming grounds, productive kitchen garden, forcing houses, and the usual features of a well-kept country abode; home farm of 350 acres. Main line station two miles.—For rent, including mansion, park, home farm and shooting, and all other particulars, apply to the only Agents, Messrs. CLUTTONS, 9, Whitehall Place, S.W.; or HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W. Personally inspected and strongly recommended.

COMMANDING POSITION. 400ft. above Sea Level.

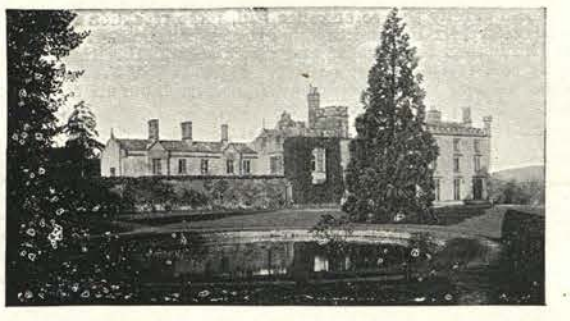


REIGATE (about one mile of station and one-and-a-half miles from Redhill station, with good service to Town).—The charming Freehold RESIDENCE, known as "The Mount," Wraycommon, Reigate, occupying a commanding yet sheltered position, with splendid view. It contains ten bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, square hall, three reception rooms, fine billiard room, and domestic offices; stabling for four horses, coachman's cottage; beautiful pleasure grounds, with tennis and croquet lawns; glasshouses, productive kitchen garden and orchard, in all about three acres; gas and water laid on. Possession on completion. For SALE, by Private Treaty and if not so disposed of will be SOLD by AUCTION, on June 19th.—Particulars of LIONEL W. CLARKE, Esq., Solicitor, 10, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C; and of HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

GOOD SPORTING DISTRICT.

ATTRACTIVE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY for SALE close to a small town. It extends in all to about 380 acres and includes a charming House, standing high, in a well-timbered park, with lodge entrance, and contains large entrance and inner halls, four reception rooms, conservatory, twelve bed and dressing rooms, bath, servants' hall, and offices; stabling for six, small farmery, gardener's house, etc.; pretty grounds, tennis lawn, kitchen garden, etc.; two homesteads, several cottages, and excellent pasture and arable lands, a small part being let off at £112 per annum. Would be sold with less land.—Full particulars of the Agents, Messrs. TUCKETT & SONS, 2, Basinghall Street, E.C.; and HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W., who are jointly concerned.

FIRST-RATE SHOOTING.—Attractive Residence in fine Park.



SHROPSHIRE (on the borders).—To be LET, either Furnished or Unfurnished, an attractive RESIDENCE, with first-rate shooting over upwards of 3,000 acres, well stocked with game; the Residence stands high in a fine park, with delightful but inexpensive gardens, and contains five reception rooms, 23 bed and dressing rooms, and ample domestic offices; fishing. Moderate rent. Might be let for a few months.—Full particulars of the Agents, HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

XVIIth CENTURY RESIDENCE. HIGH AND BRACING

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (within one-and-a-half miles of Nailsworth, on the Midland, and six miles of Stroud on the G.W. Ry.).—The compact Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, known as "Horsley Court," comprising a picturesque XVIIth Century Residence, containing ten bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, conservatory, two staircases, and good offices; stabling and small farmery, bailiff's house, and cottage; old-fashioned pleasure grounds, pasture, arable, and woodlands, in all about 64 acres. For SALE by Private Treaty and if not so disposed of will be SOLD by AUCTION, on June 19th.

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ANDOVER (near).—The above delightful little HOUSE, standing in a beautiful bracing position, with fine view; perfectly secluded, and contains six bedrooms, bath, three reception rooms; stabling; modern sanitary arrangement; charming old gardens, spinney, and grass land, about 20 acres. Freehold. For SALE. Price £3,000. Inspected.—Sole Agents ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

TO GOLFERS.—Above charming little HOUSE for SALE, standing in a fine position and having good views; built expressly for present owner; five bedrooms, bath, sitting hall, and beautiful gardens of one-and-a-quarter acres; near station; hunting and fishing in district. Freehold £2,500.—ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

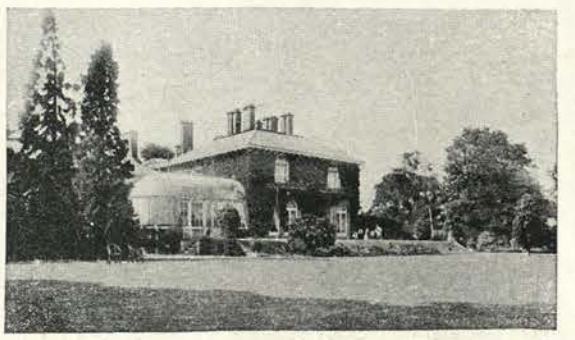
SURREY (Woking; 38 minutes by rail from Town, amidst the pines and heather.—To be SOLD, this exceedingly artistic RESIDENCE, with entrance lodge and carriage drive; well established grounds of two acres, including tennis lawn and paddock. Pretty square entrance hall, three reception rooms, conservatory, six bed and dressing rooms, bathroom. Stabling for two horses, coach-house and man's room. Electric light; sandy soil, and Company's water. Price £4,800, Freehold.—Inspected and recommended by ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W., and Woking.

BETWEEN BASINGSTOKE AND READING.—Picturesque old-fashioned Family RESIDENCE. To be LET, in a delightful country, with excellent hunting. Contains four reception rooms, ten bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, etc. The beautiful old grounds surround the house, in all about fourteen-and-a-half acres. Cap tal stabling for four horses, rooms over. Rent £165 per annum.—ALEX. H. TURNER and Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

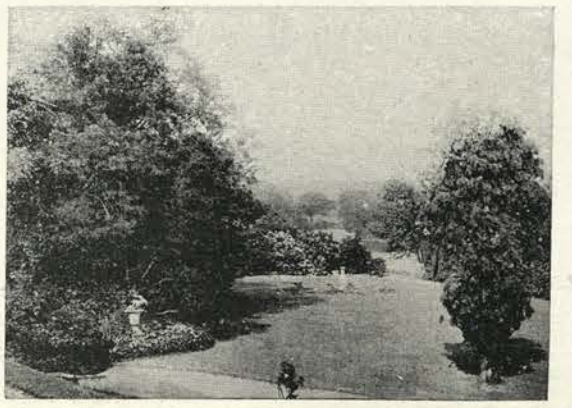
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

CLAYGATE (near Esher, Surrey; in a very rural locality, whence London is reached in half-an-hour, within ten minutes' walk of Claygate Station).—A very pleasantly-situate, old-fashioned COTTAGE RESIDENCE, with modern additions, known as Maisonette, with three reception rooms, detached billiard room, eight bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and offices; most charming old secluded gardens, and paddock of about two-and-a-half acres, vinery, greenhouse; timber-built stabling, etc.; held on Lease for 86 years at the inadequate rental of £75 per annum. Possession on completion. ALEX. H. TURNER & CO. are instructed to SELL the foregoing PROPERTY by AUCTION, at the Mart, E.C., on the 23rd of June, 1902, at 2 o'clock. Particulars of Messrs. MADDISONS, Solicitors, 6, Old Jewry; and of the Auctioneers, Piccadilly, and branches.

THE MOLE HOUSE ESTATE.



ONE of the most delightful properties in Surrey, very suitable for a gentleman requiring easy access to London exceptionally beautiful grounds, boating, fishing, and golfing.—The MOLE HOUSE ESTATE, Hersham, with lovely old lawns sloping to the Mole, one mile of Walton, Esher Village, and Sandown, two from Esher Station; beautifully-built, elegantly-decorated Residence, with electric light, main drainage. Company's water, finely-timbered, miniature park, grand old gardens and grounds, entrance lodge, gardener's house; stabling and buildings, ample glasshouses, valuable building sites, frontage to the main road. May be purchased with 15½ up to 34 acres, with possession on completion.



THE MOLE HOUSE ESTATE. VIEW FROM RESIDENCE.

ALEX. H. TURNER & CO. will offer this exceptionally attractive Freehold PROPERTY, at the Mart, London, E.C., on the 23rd June, 1902, at 2 o'clock. in its entirety or in five Lots.—Particulars of H. N. ROSE, Esq., Solicitor, 24, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.; or of the Auctioneers, 199, Piccadilly, and Branches.

HUNTING, GOLF, AND FISHING.

OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKS BORDERS (on high ground, with gravel soil, and in a beautiful part of the county).—This picturesque stone-built RESIDENCE, with carriage drive and eleven acres, for SALE, Freehold. It contains square hall, four reception rooms, billiard room, twelve bed and dressing rooms, and bathroom (hot and cold supplies); stabling for twelve horses, coach-house, and cottage; shady old grounds, and well-stocked gardens and meadow land; good hunting, golf, and fishing in the neighbourhood.

ALEX. H. TURNER & CO. are instructed to SELL the foregoing Freehold PROPERTY by AUCTION, at the Mart, London, E.C., on Friday, June 13th, at 1 o'clock.—Particulars in course of preparation.—199, Piccadilly, W., and at Reading.

40 MINUTES FROM WATERLOO.—The above expensively-appointed and beautifully-situated Gentleman's RESIDENCE, standing in charming matured grounds o about two and-a-half acres. Residence contains handsom entrance hall, with fireplace, eleven bed and dressing room bath, three entertaining rooms capital stabling; first-clas sanitation; glass; gravel soil. Freehold £5,500.—Inspected and recommended by ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

THE LAMMAS (Esher; on the confines of Esher Place Park, and the old village green; 55 years in the occupation of the present owner).—A very picturesque RESIDENCE, with billiard room, good reception rooms, eleven bed and dressing rooms in all; gas, water, main drainage; sand and gravel subsoil; excellent stabling; exceedingly pretty gardens and grounds. Delightful district.

ALEX. H. TURNER & CO. are instructed to offer this Freehold PROPERTY, at the Mart, London, E.C., on Monday, June 23rd, 1902, at 2 o'clock.—Particulars of Messrs. GADSDEN & TREHERNE, Solicitors, 28, Bedford Row, W.C.; and of the Auctioneers, 199, Piccadilly, W., and branches.

40 MINUTES south-west of Town, high, gravel, soil, and close to pinewoods.—This handsomely Furnished and picturesque RESIDENCE to be LET, containing eleven bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, four reception rooms, including billiard room; excellent stabling, and several acres of beautifully-timbered old grounds. Gas and water laid on. Rent 400 guineas a year.—Recommended by ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

FOR THE SUMMER (in a delightful district, under an hour from Town).—To be LET, Furnished, this charming and picturesque old COUNTRY MANSION, situate on high ground in a grandly-timbered park and beautiful old grounds, intersected by a pretty stream affording some fishing. About 20 bed and dressing rooms, bath, and complete offices; capital stabling and coachman's cottage; golf links within easy access. Rent 30 guineas a week.—Photo. with, and recommended by, ALEX. H. TURNER and Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

SUSSEX (in the delightful district of Ashdown Forest and East Grinstead).—To be LET, Furnished, for a year or longer, a charming old COUNTRY HOUSE, over 400ft. above sea level, in beautifully wooded miniature park and shady old grounds, long drive and lodge entrance; twelve bed and dressing rooms, bath; stabling, coachman's cottage; gas laid on; close to station, church; small shooting. Rent 400 guineas.—Inspected and recommended by ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 199, Piccadilly, W.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE highly picturesque Modern RESIDENCE, known as "Caerleon," Portmore Park, Weybridge, with good hall, three spacious reception rooms, nine bed and dressing rooms, fitted bathroom; gas, water, main drainage; electric light if desired; newly and most tastefully decorated; with charming gardens and grounds of nearly an acre, including tennis lawn, fruit and vegetable garden. Immediate possession.

ALEX. H. TURNER & CO. are instructed to offer this very desirable Freehold PROPERTY, at the Mart, E.C., on June 23rd, 1902. Particulars in course of preparation.—199, Piccadilly, W., and at Weybridge.

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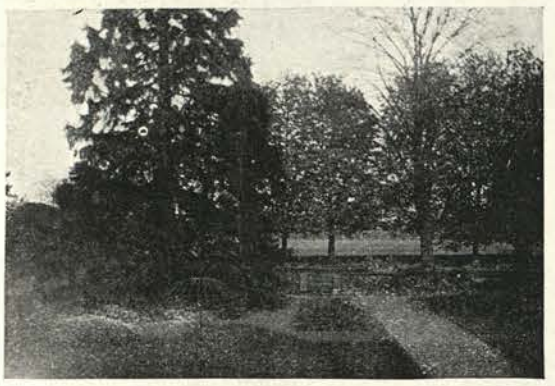
ALL PROPERTIES IN THIS PAGE PERSONALLY INSPECTED.

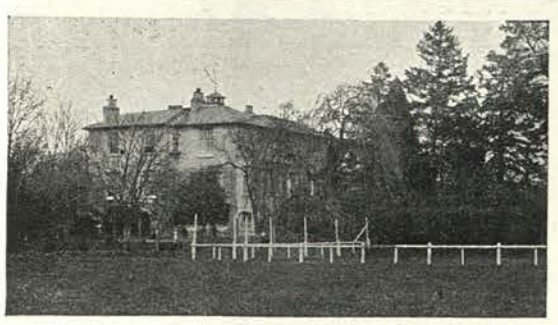
£2,400 for a delightful Modern RESIDENCE, on the borders of the New Forest, near Brockenhurst, situate about eight minutes' walk from station (main line), and close to church, post and telegraph offices. The Residence, which stands in grounds of about two acres, contains hall, three reception rooms, seven bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.), and usual offices; verandah runs partly round House, and conservatory opens out of drawing room; good gardens and grounds. Might be Let.—Apply as above.



£4,600 for an extremely comfortable RESIDENCE on the L. & N.W. Ry., and only 35 minutes from Town, and of which the above photograph represents a portion of the grounds. The Residence is situate one mile from two stations, and stands in its own well-timbered grounds of five acres. Accommodation: four reception, ten bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, etc.; stabling for three horses; the grounds include two tennis lawns, flower garden, walled kitchen garden, terraced walks, glasshouses, etc.; excellent trout fishing near.—Apply as above.

GENUINE OLD MANOR HOUSE.

£7,000 for a charming old Manor HOUSE with a Courtyard, a portion of which is represented in the above photograph; situate one-and-a-quarter miles from station and two hours from Town; in the Pytchley, Grafton, and Bicester countries. This most solidly-built RESIDENCE, with walls in many places 3ft. thick, commands magnificent views, and contains entrance hall, four good reception rooms (billiard room could easily be arranged), thirteen bedrooms, bathroom, large kitchen with special grill, two servants' halls, and excellent offices. The grounds of eleven acres include pleasure and kitchen gardens, tennis lawn, greenhouse, and large paddock; perfectly-appointed stabling for ten horses, men's quarters, etc.—Strongly recommended by the Agents, as above.



5,000 GUINEAS for the above comfortable RESIDENCE, midway between Bury St. Edmunds and Colchester, or would be LET; one mile from station and town; containing hall, five reception, seven bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, kitchen, servants' hall, and offices; stabling for five horses. The picturesque grounds of seventeen acres include lawns sloping to ornamental water, two kitchen gardens, tennis court, grass land, etc., model farmery, extensive kennelling, poultry houses, glasshouses, two good cottages, boathouse, etc. Capital fishing, boating, and hunting.—Recommended by the Agents, as above.

£1,800 for the above handsome creeper-clad COTTAGE RESIDENCE, situate high up in the Surrey Hills, 750ft. above sea level, in a sheltered position, ten minutes from station, with frequent and fast service of trains to Victoria and London Bridge in 40 minutes. The Residence is approached by long drive, and contains large hall (suitable for billiard table), two reception rooms and small morning room, six bedrooms, dressing room, bathroom, capital kitchens and offices; small stabling, coach-house, outbuildings, etc. The grounds of four acres include tennis or croquet lawn, flower garden, vinery, greenhouse, etc.; large kitchen garden; Company's water; drainage perfect.—Apply as above.

£220 PER ANNUM Unfurnished near Chippenham), or would be SOLD.—A comfortable RESIDENCE (the hall of which is represented in the above photograph), situate in grounds of ten acres, standing high on limestone soil, ten minutes' walk from station; containing magnificent hall, 38ft. by 18ft., thirteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception, and billiard room; perfect stabling for eleven horses; pretty grounds, walled gardens, glasshouses, beautiful old timber; water and gas laid on; hunting with Duke of Beaufort's; golf. Strongly recommended from the Agents.—For series of photos. and other details, apply as above.

£25,000 (near Hassocks; situate one-and-three quarter miles from station, post-office, etc.).—To be SOLD, or would be LET, Furnished, for the Summer months, or for a term of years, the above comfortable RESIDENCE, situated in a magnificently timbered park of 170 acres. Approached by carriage drive with lodge entrance, the Residence contains fourteen bedrooms, bathroom, four lofty reception rooms and capital domestic offices; good stabling and outbuildings, etc. The grounds cover an area of seven acres; lawns; walled kitchen gardens, vineries, glasshouses, etc. good drainage; gas or electric light if required. Rent, Furnished, 300 guineas per annum.—Apply as above

£4,250.—To be SOLD, a genuine XVIth Century MANOR HOUSE, in Northamptonshire, admirably adapted as a Hunting Box, containing eight bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms; stabling for nine horses; grounds twelve acres.—Apply as above.

£1,650 for a particularly picturesque old-fashioned RESIDENCE, situate two-and-a-half miles from well-known market town and station in Kent, and one-and-a-half hours from Town. The Residence is prettily placed in two-and-a-half acres of quaint old-fashioned grounds, including lawns, pleasure, and kitchen gardens. Accommodation: three reception rooms, five principal bedrooms, besides dressing rooms, servants' bedrooms, etc.; stabling for several horses, etc.—Full details from the Agents, as above.

9,000 GUINEAS for the most perfectly-appointed RESIDENCE, and cheapest Property within radius of Town. The above ivy-clad Residence, situate on the South Downs, and commanding most magnificent views over 40 miles, within one-and-a-half hours of Town and two miles from station, approached by winding avenue with lodge entrance, and contains four reception, billiard, eleven bedrooms, bathroom, and usual offices; stabling for five horses. The grounds comprise two tennis lawns, pleasure and walled kitchen garden, magnificent range of glasshouses, vineries, etc.; farm-buildings, five cottages. The Estate of 123 acres is chiefly grass land, well timbered, and in capital heart. The Residence, stables, and conservatories lighted by electricity throughout.—Most strongly recommended by the Agents, as above.

£4,500 for the above comfortable RESIDENCE, situate one mile from main line station, and near Saxmundham; approached by long avenue, entered through square portico, and containing large hall with grand staircase, with dome roof and gallery landing; three reception rooms and lavatory, kitchen and servants' hall, and offices; thirteen bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms; stabling for four, with rooms; cottage; grounds of four acres, exceedingly well-timbed, included tennis and other lawns, pleasure and kitchen gardens; gas and Company's water; hunting, golf, and 1,100 acres shooting.—Apply as above.

CAPITAL TROUT FISHING.

£4,700 for the above old-fashioned RESIDENCE, situate one mile from good station and market town in Wiltshire, in an extremely healthy position, surrounded by sixteen acres of good pasture land, well timbered. Accommodation: ten bedrooms, bathroom, three reception rooms, and usual offices; stabling for five horses, etc. Beautiful grounds, including kitchen, flower, and pleasure gardens. A stream with capital trout fishing runs through the Property. Shooting might be arranged for. Hunting, Duke of Beaufort's and South Wilts.—Full particulars and photographs from the Agents, as above.

£180 PER ANNUM. Unfurnished, or would be LET, Furnished, or SOLD, a comfortable Modern RESIDENCE, in North Herts, within ten minutes' walk of main line station with excellent train service to London, half-a-mile from shops, postal telegraph office, church, etc., one-and-a-quarter miles from golf links and River Lea, 600ft. above sea level with good views, dry soil, and south aspect. The House contains nine bedrooms, bathrooms (h. and c.), three large reception rooms, cloakroom, lavatory (h. and c.), and w.c.; spacious hall and landings, and ample domestic offices. The grounds of five acres comprise pleasure garden with full-sized tennis lawn, kitchen garden, and meadow.—Recommended by the Agents, as above.

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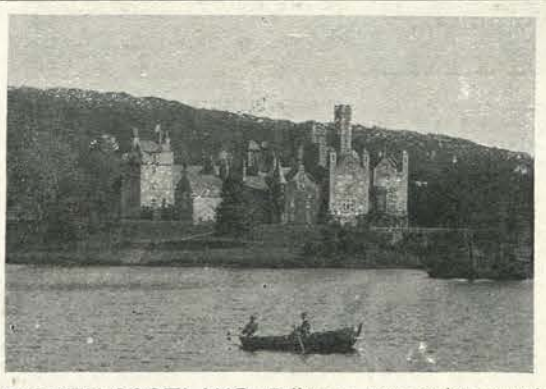
EXQUISITE VIEWS OF SEA AND LANDSCAPE.

ISLE OF WIGHT (in a grand position on the Bonchurch Undercliff, about a mile from Ventnor Station).—Two most attractive Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, "Hawthorn Dene," (view above), and "The Lilies," romantically disposed over the cliff sides, in a high, bracing, sheltered position over 300ft. above sea level, and commanding very beautiful views over a richly-wooded and broken landscape and coast scenery falling away to the water's edge and terminating in a magnificent expanse of ocean. The Residences contain fifteen and seven bedrooms, bath, and three and four reception rooms respectively. The larger House has stabling, and there is a capital stable site on the smaller Property. The grounds, most delightfully planted and timbered, abounding in a great wealth of foliage, and charmingly laid out in terraced, level, and sloping lawns with sheltered arbour, fine natural cave, overhanging and clustering timber, are of a most romantic character. There is also a beautiful piece of wilderness, with gravel tennis court. The respective areas are 2a. 2r. 1p. and 1a. 2r. 9p., which Messrs.
JOHN D. WOOD & CO. will SELL by AUCTION, at the Mart, E.C., on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1902, at 2 p.m.—Particulars and conditions of Sale of Messrs. WARREN, MURTON and MILLER, Solicitors, 45, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.; and of the Auctioneers, 6, Mount Street, London, W.

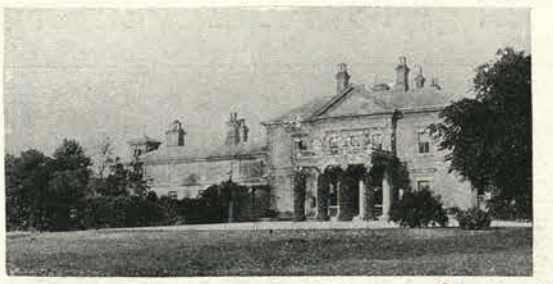
NORFOLK (in the best part of).—A very fine SPORTING ESTATE of nearly 4,500 acres for SALE, at inclusive price, with valuable timber and woodlands to show excellent investment on capital. Spacious Queen Anne Mansion, standing high in deer park of 300 acres, containing large reception and billiard rooms, and some 30 bed and dressing rooms, and good offices; lovely old gardens, and large sheet of water in park. The shooting comprises an excellent light land manor, showing capital partridge ground, while the woodlands carry a considerable head of pheasants. A trout stream intersects for some miles, and shows pretty fishing.—Full particulars of Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above. (8785.)

WOODLAND PYTCHLEY HUNT.—To be LET Furnished, with Shooting over 4,000 acres (good bag), XVIth Century MANOR HOUSE, occupying very pretty situation, and containing ten or eleven bed, bath, and three reception rooms; stabling; inexpensive gardens; three miles from a town and station.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above. (5456.)

STUD FARM OF 75 ACRES, chiefly old pasture, on the main line, within 40 minutes of London, and about two hours from Newmarket, adjoining a successful bloodstock establishment, and comprising old-fashioned Residence; eight bed, two sitting rooms, and offices, with excellent homestead, having good loose boxes and other stabling, barns, etc. To be SOLD, Freehold.—Particulars of Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD and Co., as above. (8749.)



SOUTH SCOTLAND (Galloway; near station on main line, with direct service).—To LET, Furnished, one of the noble homes of Scotland, a fine old Baronial MANSION, fully equipped and in good order, having about 30 bed, billiard, and eight reception rooms, and other conveniences for a family of distinction; convenient stabling; beautiful pleasure grounds, long avenue approach, two sheets of ornamental water, together with shooting over 6,000 acres (1,000 acres grouse moor, 700 acres plantation). Fair estimate bag: grouse 200, partridges 600, pheasants 300, rabbits 600. By the year, or on Lease from the Autumn, 1902.—Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above. (8453.)



SUSSEX (in a favourite residential district, near Goodwood and stations).—An important Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of 60 or 370 acres, comprising a spaciously-planned Mansion, having a fine suite of reception, billiard, and some 22 bedrooms; fine stabling, lodges; lovely ornamental grounds, shrubberies, pinetum, beautiful park, and valuable farm land. For SALE, at a very moderate price.—Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD and Co., as above. (3667.)

WEYBRIDGE HEATH (45 minutes from London, close to station, one mile from river).—A charming Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, on the summit of the Heath, with beautiful views; nine bed and four reception rooms; nine acres of beautiful old grounds, well wooded and tastefully laid-out, with lodge at entrance; sanitation perfect, main drainage; Company's water. For SALE.—Highly recommended by Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above.

CHESHIRE (near station, with good train service to Chester, and within easy distance of Manchester), Liverpool, etc.).—For SALE, or might be LET, a RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of about eight acres, with an old red-brick House, overlooking very charming pleasure grounds, beautifully shaded, and having about twelve bed and dressing, three reception rooms and hall, usual offices, and outbuildings and stabling.—Personally inspected by Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above. (7794.)

HANTS (in the heart of the New Forest).—An ideal COTTAGE RESIDENCE; three reception and seven bedrooms; stabling; lawn, kitchen garden, and paddock For SALE, or would be LET, Furnished.—Further particulars of Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above.

MEYNELL COUNTRY.—To be LET, a finely-positioned MANSION, surrounded by magnificently timbered park, of a rolling nature, with shooting over the estate of 2,300 acres, and some fishing obtainable by arrangement. The Mansion has long approaches, with lodge entrances; has been decorated and fitted regardless of expense, and is placed 600ft. above sea. Accommodation: two halls, six reception, and 24 bed and dressing rooms; stabling for ten. Home farm if desired. Personally inspected and strongly recommended, Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above. (5525.)

CENTRE OF THE PYTCHLEY HUNT.—To be LET for a year, or for the Hunting season, Furnished. A most attractive old stone-built RESIDENCE, approached by a long drive, seated in a finely-timbered park and surrounded by delightful old shady grounds. The House is within three and-a-half miles of a main line express station, is very well Furnished, and contains sixteen bed and dressing, three large lofty reception rooms; model stabling, comprising fourteen boxes; coachman's cottage. Four days a week with Pytchley, and also with Grafton, Oakley, and Cottesmore, by convenient trains. Rent, 550 guineas for year, or 16 guineas per week, for Hunting season. Strongly recommended from personal inspection of the Agents, Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above.

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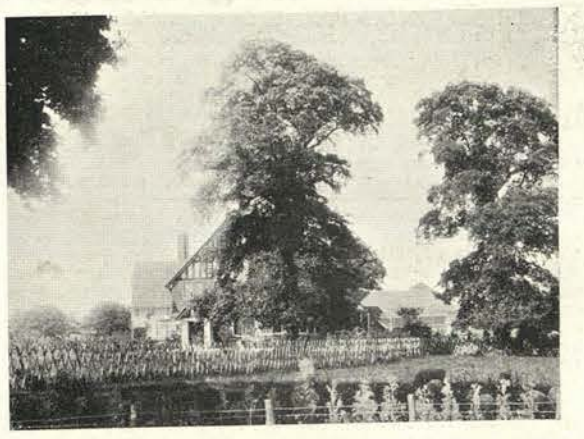

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On the Banks of the Thames, close to Henley.

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WATFORD (in a beautiful position, just under a mile from the station).—A beautifully-built modern red-brick and tiled RESIDENCE, standing in pretty grounds of one-and-a-quarter acres, approached by a carriage drive, and containing eight bedrooms, boxroom, bathroom, two staircases, three good reception rooms, square hall; well-matured garden, grounds; gas and water; excellent drainage.

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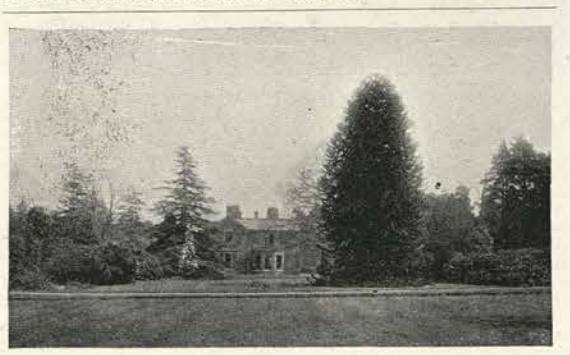

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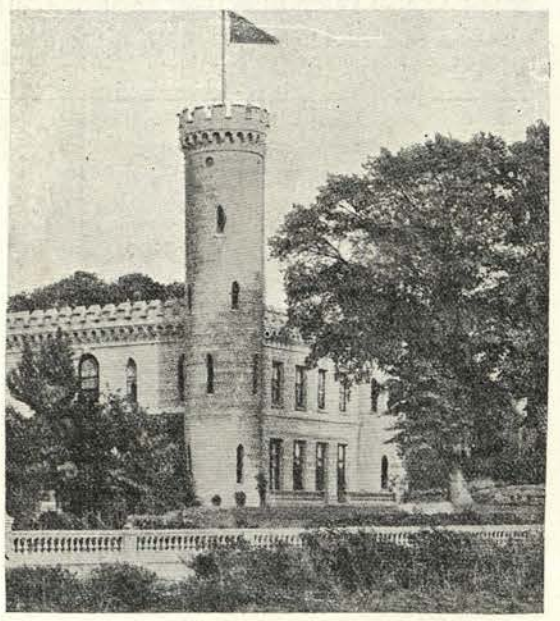
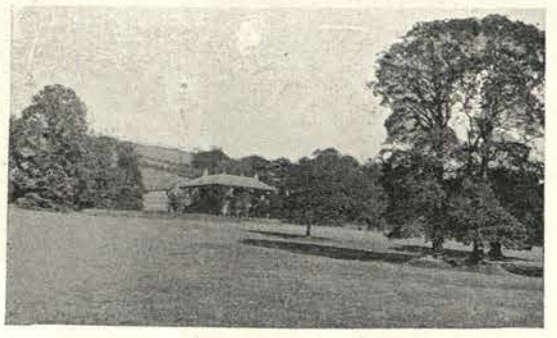


AN ideal Country RESIDENCE to be LET, Furnished, for any length of time up to four years, the above castellated Residence, in excellent order throughout, situate about a mile from a station, ten from a large town and three miles from the sea. Capital gardens, lawns, etc., stabling; modern sanitation. —Rent and further particulars of CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.



IN a lovely district in Devonshire, close to a station, the above charmingly situated RESIDENCE, in a high position and commanding extensive views, comprising suite of reception rooms, ten bedrooms, bathroom, etc.; stabling for five. May be rented Furnished through the Agents, CURTIS & HENSON, from whom rent and further particulars may be obtained.

ON THE FAMOUS PEMBURY RIDGE.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (within three miles of this very favourite health resort, only an hour from Town, IN A HIGH AND MAGNIFICENT SITUATION, about 450ft. above sea level, on a sandy and gravelly soil, commanding unrivalled and extensive views over the Weald of Kent).—Announcement of SALE of the Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE known as "THE LARCHES," PEMBURY, including a most substantial Family Residence, containing large hall, three or four reception rooms, about seventeen bed and dressing rooms, and three bath-rooms; most PERFECT STABLING FOR SIX OR EIGHT horses, coach-houses, etc.; CHARMING OLD GROUNDS, beautifully-timbered and tastefully arranged; excellent walled kitchen gardens, glasshouses, small farmery, and park-like lands, extending in all to about 26 ACRES; three cottages.

CURTIS & HENSON are instructed to offer the above Estate to AUCTION, on Wednesday, June 18th, at 1 o'clock precisely, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C. (unless previously disposed of by Private Treaty).—Plans, views, and full particulars, with orders to view, of the Auctioneers, 5, Mount Street, W.

WARWICKSHIRE (within easy reach of the county town).—Furnished, for the Summer or longer, an important and historical COUNTRY SEAT, erected in the time of Henry VIII., built of stone in the Gothic style. It stands in a heavily-timbered park of several hundred acres, bounded by a river; billiard, five reception, and 23 bed and dressing rooms; stabling for fifteen; shooting over 4,000 acres can be had if required.—Personally inspected by CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

A VERY MODERATE RENT is asked during the Summer months for the above charming Tudor MANSION, one of the STATELY HOMES OF ENGLAND, seated in a park of some 200 acres, surrounded by lovely old Dutch gardens, of which the above gives but an inadequate idea, together with partridge shooting over 1,000 acres. The Mansion, which is magnificently furnished, contains suite of reception rooms, and about 25 bedrooms; there is stabling for 20 horses.—Further particulars and descriptive photographs of the Agents, 5, Mount Street, W.

THE DOWER HOUSE (North Cray).—To be LET, Unfurnished, a comfortable old-fashioned COUNTRY HOUSE, containing four reception and eight bedrooms; stabling for three; main drainage and Company's water; one-and-a-half miles from Bexley Station; inexpensive gardens and grounds, well-planted with mature old cedars, etc., in all about eight acres. Rent £200 per annum.—Apply to D. T. CORKE, Esq., Cray Bank, Foot's Cray, Kent; or CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

PERFECTLY FITTED MODERN MANSION.

BERKS (45 minutes from Town, in a beautiful position, on deep gravel soil and within easy reach of the river).—To be LET, Furnished, by the year or for the Summer, or Unfurnished, the above noble Modern MANSION, occupying an admirably selected site, with south aspect, well secluded in the midst of highly attractive pleasure grounds and parklands of nearly 40 acres. It contains large halls, billiard rooms, suite of handsome reception rooms, together with about 25 bedrooms; delightful gardens, stabling, etc.; all in first-class order.—Recommended by the Agents, CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

TORQUAY (near to this favourite watering place, three miles from a station).—To be LET, for the Summer months, the above well Furnished RESIDENCE, situate in an ideal position and surroundings, comprising four reception and nine bedrooms; three stall stable, gardens, etc.—Rent and further particulars of CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

ON THE SOUTH COAST.—To be SOLD, the above charmingly placed seaside RESIDENCE, surrounded by its own grounds of about ten acres, sloping to the shores of a small bay where there is excellent yacht anchorage, and containing three reception rooms and about thirteen bedrooms; stabling, etc.—CURTIS & HENSON have been instructed by the owner to Sell the above by Private Treaty, and shall be pleased to forward full details on application. Offices, 5, Mount Street, W.

IN a favourite part of Sussex, standing in a beautiful situation in a well-timbered park.—To be LET, Furnished, an important Country MANSION, containing billiard and handsome reception rooms, 20 bed and dressing rooms, and perfect offices; capital stabling, and lovely old grounds. Offers to Rent the Mansion for the Summer months or longer, may be lodged with CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W., who will furnish all details.

HENLEY (near), with grounds to the river.—To be LET, for the Summer months, a charming old-fashioned RESIDENCE, dating from the conquest, and containing three reception rooms, and about nineteen bed and dressing rooms; stabling for seven. The grounds are very prettily laid out, and well timbered.—Rent and further particulars of CURTIS and HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

13,000 ACRES SHOOTING.

HERTS.—To be LET, Furnished, an exceptionally well-fitted Family MANSION, standing about 500ft. above sea level, on gravel soil. It contains large hall and minstrel gallery, five reception rooms, including billiard room, and thirteen bed and dressing rooms; stabling for eight, two cottages; the pleasure grounds include ornamental wood, two large tennis courts, and kitchen garden; shooting over about 1,300 acres, about 150 brace of partridges being easily obtainable in the season; hunting with four packs.—CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

SURREY HILLS (45 minutes from Town).—To be SOLD, the above well-planned COUNTRY RESIDENCE, standing secluded in magnificently-timbered parklands of over 100 acres, and containing entrance and large inner hall, three reception rooms, and sixteen bed and dressing rooms; electric light; stabling for twelve horses, cottages, lodges, homesteads, etc. Near golf links.—Terms of CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

SPLENDID SHOOTING. HUNTING.

2,000 ACRES SHOOTING (Yorkshire), together with an important Country SEAT, built of stone, containing entrance and inner halls, fine suite of reception and about 30 bedrooms; stabling for thirteen horses. Game bag.—Terms and full particulars of CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W.

ABOUT AN HOUR FROM TOWN.—To be LET for a term of years, from March, 1902, with the right of shooting over either 500 or 3,000 acres, as may be arranged, the above exceedingly attractive Family MANSION, in good substantial decorative and sanitary repair, and lit by gas; delightfully situated on high ground, overlooking the Thames, and surrounded by charming pleasure grounds and a well-timbered park.—Full particulars of this fine Property can be had of CURTIS & HENSON, 5, Mount Street, W., who have personally inspected and can strongly recommend the same.

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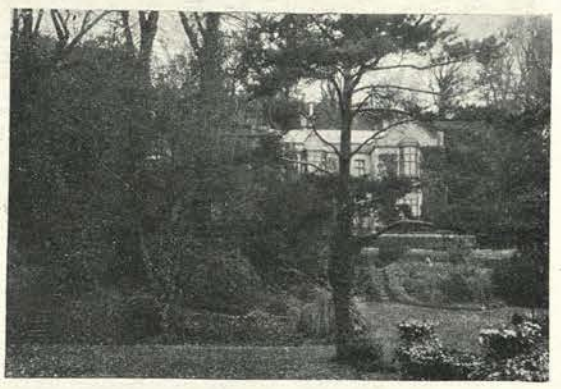
CORNWALL.—For SALE, by strictly private negotiation, a very great bargain, an exceptionally choice ESTATE in the best social district in the county; 90 acres of lovely old grounds; thirteen bedrooms; four large reception rooms; lodge; cottages; complete in every detail and in perfect order; now in occupation of vendor. This place is one of the grandest old country homes in England, and must be seen to be appreciated. —Particulars, photos., and plan of TRESIDDER & Co. (1878.)

SUSSEX (near the coast, in a lovely situation).—Delightful old-fashioned COUNTRY HOUSE, in perfect order; large square hall; dining room and drawing room, each 33 ft. by 19 ft.; billiard room, smoking room, conservatory; ten bedrooms, bath-room; exquisite old gardens of five acres, with beautiful lawns and shady walks. Rent £136; premium £200; Lease 20 years, or for SALE Freehold.—Apply TRESIDDER & Co., who have several similar houses in the district. (1873.)

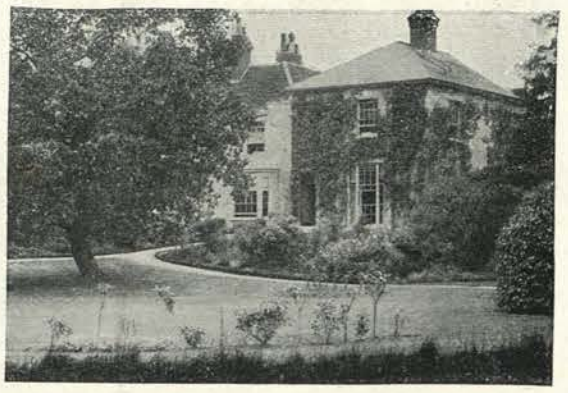


TUDOR STYLE.—This handsome stone-built HOUSE, near one of the most favourite watering places in England, noted for its equable climate, encircled by well-timbered and diversified pleasure grounds tastefully arranged in beautiful terraces, lawns, winding walks, shrubberies, etc., in all five acres; commanding from every point glorious sea and land views; five large reception rooms, ten bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, etc.; good stabling for four horses, conservatory, vinery, greenhouse. For SALE by Private Treaty at an exceedingly low price; if not so disposed of, will be SOLD by AUCTION, at the Mart, E.C., on 17th July next.—Descriptive particulars, photos., and plans, of TRESIDDER & Co. (1717.)

WYE VALLEY (amid exquisite scenery).—For SALE, or LETTING, a most ideal COUNTRY RESIDENCE; three reception and billiard rooms, twelve bedrooms; stabling for six; and delightful "old world" gardens and grounds of 95 acres. Full particulars and terms of TRESIDDER & Co., who have in hand several similar properties in the same district. (1847.)

NAVAL REVIEW.—This grand old CASTLE, with unparalleled views of the Solent and Southampton Water; centrally seated in a park of 26 acres. For SALE or LETTING, Furnished or Unfurnished. The Property is of great historic interest, occupied at one time by royalty; six very handsome reception and billiard rooms, nineteen bedrooms, etc. The place altogether forms an exceedingly lovely pile, and is well known as one of the most attractive small Estates on the coast.—Elaborate particulars and set of photos. from TRESIDDER and Co., Sole Agents, 13A, Cockspur Street, S.W. (1632.)

GLOS.—£3,600 for an exceptionally attractive and handsomely-timbered little ESTATE of 70 acres (House and eight acres will be SOLD for 2,000 guineas), intersected by a running stream affording first-class boating, fishing, and bathing. Picturesque stone-built House with all modern conveniences; beautiful old gardens; good stabling, and farm-buildings; a great bargain. One of the cheapest properties in the market.—Details of TRESIDDER & Co., 13A, Cockspur Street, S.W. (1890.)



OLD-FASHIONED COUNTRY HOUSE, known as "Firwood," Halstead, containing ten bedrooms, three reception rooms, hall 21ft. by 16ft. 6in., etc.; thirteen acres of delightful gardens and grounds, with much fine timber and a sheet of ornamental water. This attractive Property, including good stabling, two excellent cottages, small farmery, etc., will be SOLD by AUCTION, at the Mart, E.C., on July 17th next, unless previously Sold by Private Treaty. Particulars, with photos. and plan, of TRESIDDER & Co. (1636.)

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Are the Sole Agents for the Sale of some of the
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STATELY MANSION, NOBLE PARK, SPLENDID SHOOTING, AND 4¾ PER CENT.

£32,500, including timber valued at £7,500, will PURCHASE a singularly attractive RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE of 1,800 acres, situate one and three-quarter hours from Liverpool Street and St. Pancras, in a favourite sporting district. The Mansion is a fine building, and has recently had £7,000 spent upon it and its surroundings. The gardens are of a lovely description, while the other accessories are complete, and the farms all let to a good tenantry; extensive woodlands; splendid shooting; fishing in lake; altitude 400ft. above sea.—Sole Agents, EDMUND SMITH and Co., as above.

A SUPERB SPORTING DOMAIN of nearly 10,000 acres, with one of the most interesting and stately moderate-sized Mansions within 75 minutes north-west from the Metropolis; magnificent park with giant timber predominant, luxuriant and extensive woods, romantic water scenery, and historical associations. The sporting is unsurpassed, and the farms produce a high return. This Estate has been extolled by many for its unique delights, and its beautiful features are dignified by its antiquity.—Particulars as to price, etc., of the Agents, EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

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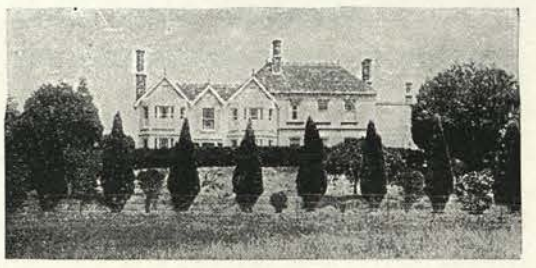

TO effect an immediate Sale, 7,150 guineas or offer (including timber) is asked for a naturally beautiful Freehold ESTATE of 260 acres, with the above small Family Residence, which occupies a magnificent site commanding superb views, and is surrounded by a wealth of timber, and approached by double drives with entrance lodges, together with stabling, cottages; also splendid farm-house and model farm-buildings, which alone cost about the above sum. There are pretty but inexpensive gardens, undulated park and woodlands, also miniature fir and pine forest; situate in a lovely part of Sussex, on high ground, about an hour's rail from the Metropolis.—EDMUND SMITH and Co., as above.

9 GUINEAS AN ACRE.—Berks Border.—SPORTING ESTATE of over 2,500 acres, with moderate-sized Mansion, small park, and very extensive woodlands.—EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

3 GUINEAS AN ACRE.—Freehold ESTATE of 300 acres, only 40 miles from London.—Plans and full details of the Sole Agents, EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

A SINGULARLY BEAUTIFUL LITTLE ESTATE.

SURREY (50 minutes main line, in a country famous for its lovely scenery, with excellent society and hunting).—A unique Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 50 acres and pretty old-fashioned Residence, approached by a long carriage drive, guarded by a lodge; charming gardens; good stabling, and men's quarters. The House stands high, and contains three reception, bath, nine bedrooms, modern fitments, etc. A pretty feature is a small river (with private boat-house), which bounds a lower meadow. The soil is sandy; modern drainage, main water supply; golf near. Personally inspected. —EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

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WELL-KNOWN COUNTY SEAT of 2,000 acres, near South Coast, one-and-a-half hours from London, with a comfortable Mansion and every amenity, to be SOLD at a low price.—EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

HANTS BORDER (the Property of a nobleman).—A SPORTING and RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 1,900 acres, with moderate-sized Mansion, park, and every amenity; also affording splendid shooting, to be SOLD for £30,000.—EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

NEAR BIRMINGHAM AND WARWICK.—A small MANSION of a singularly attractive character, with lovely grounds, double carriage drive, bordered by forest trees, park, and other lands; also romantic fishing in pool and lake, with other and perfect concomitants. Only £15,000. — EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

AN IDYLLIC ESTATE.

HEREFORDSHIRE.—4 per cent. clear of outgoings, which are a mere bagatelle.—A singularly choice historical RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE of about 1,700 acres, placed in an exceptionally beautiful district, also the option of shooting over a much larger area adjoining. The Family Residence is a moderate-sized one, stands in lovely grounds, and commands superb views. There is a small park, and excellent farms, nearly all pasture and woodlands, with first-class trout and grayling fishing.—Personally inspected by the Sole Agents, EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

DEVONSHIRE COAST.—A superior YACHTING RESIDENCE, placed on high ground, with river and sea views; romantic gardens, meadow land, etc.; four reception, twelve bedrooms; salmon fishing, and golf. Photos.—EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

BETWEEN PANGBOURNE, READING, AND ALDERMASTON.—A beautiful RESIDENCE, containing four fine reception rooms, bath, ten bedrooms; grandly-timbered park, and small farm of nearly 100 acres, with lodge and every concomitant. To be SOLD; a bargain.—EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

THE LOVELIEST LITTLE PLACE ON THE THAMES (three-quarters of an hour G.W. Ry.); with private fishery, charming garden, and full amenities; facing a grand stretch of country. To be SOLD for £2,500 or offer Photos.—EDMUND SMITH & Co., as above.

300 ACRES. ONLY 3,850 GUINEAS.

FREEHOLD PLEASURE FARM, with attractive small Residence, stabling, farm-buildings, and cottages; situate only 62 miles south-west from London.—EDMUND SMITH and Co., as above.

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A RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE of 500 acres, yielding an enormous game bag for its size, and from its contour suitable for a motor track, the approach being on splendid roads near Canterbury, Folkestone, Dover, etc. There is a moderate-sized House (four reception, nine bedrooms); miniature park, lodge, cottages, stabling; extensive woods, etc.; golf near. The price is a very low one.—EDMUND SMITH and Co., as above.

KING'S LYNN (Norfolk).—To be LET or SOLD, a Freehold detached Gentleman's RESIDENCE, containing six bed and dressing rooms, noble dining room, drawing room with French windows leading into garden, lofty breakfast room with French windows, bold entrance hall and staircase, excellent and convenient kitchens, larders, pantries, etc.; ornamental flower garden and carriage sweep; perfect sanitation. Situate in the pleasantest suburb of the town, and within fifteen minutes' walk of railway, post-office and churches (Established and R.C.). —For further particulars as to terms, etc., apply Messrs. CRUSO and WILKIN, Estate Agents, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

CORONATION PROCESSIONS.—Piccadilly, on club premises facing the Green Park, with back entrance. SEATS, inside and outside, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 3½, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 guineas each, either day, including luncheon.—Apply to Sole Agents, BEAL & MYRTLE, 3, Conduit Street, W. Telephone, 5531 Gerrard.

PERTHSHIRE (East).—To be SOLD by Private Bargain, a desirable ESTATE extending to 777 acres, or thereby, partly arable, partly moor. There are four farms on the property, all let to substantial tenants. There is a small Mansion House with inexpensive grounds. The property is bounded by a good trouting stream, and is situated within three miles of post, rail, wire, and supplies, and easy distance of golf course. The shootings are exceptionally good, including grouse and low ground game. An adjoining Estate is at present for Sale.—Apply to Messrs. SKENE, EDWARDS & GARSON, W.S. 5, Albyn Place, Edinburgh.

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BUCKS (four miles from the county town, and a similar distance from two first-class railway stations on the G.C. and L. & N.W. Railways, one-and-a-half miles from another station, and in an excellent hunting centre).—To be LET, Furnished, for three years, the above charming old MANOR HOUSE, seated in the midst of magnificently-wooded undulating parklands, in a high and bracing situation, approached by carriage drive, and containing 30 bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, five reception rooms, and very commodious offices. The Mansion is exceedingly well appointed; its reception and guests' bedrooms are well proportioned, lofty, and the whole is in good decorative repair; stabling for fifteen horses; beautiful gardens in perfect condition, lake, etc., farmery, dairy, laundry, etc.; shooting over 1,400 acres, affording excellent sport, and hunting with the Bicester, Grafton, and Whaddon Chase.—Rent and other particulars of Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS and Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (4779.)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (in a favoured centre).—A Modern RESIDENCE to be LET, Furnished, for the Summer months or longer. The House is well placed, commands good views of the open country, is surrounded by well-shrubbed grounds, and contains twelve bedrooms, two bathrooms, four reception rooms, and usual domestic offices; stabling for twelve horses, double coach-house, etc. The well laid out gardens are in good order, and of a most attractive description; there is an orchard, kitchen garden, greenhouses, etc. The Residence and Estate of 97 acres might be SOLD.—For further particulars apply to Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS and Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (5405.)

YORKSHIRE.—This beautiful MANSION, situated amidst charming scenery, with shooting over 2,000 acres and first-class hunting facilities, to be LET, Furnished, for a term. The Residence is handsomely appointed, in first-class order, occupies an excellent position, commands magnificent views, and contains 24 bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, grand ballroom, with exquisite decorations, full complement of domestic offices; stabling for sixteen; pleasure gardens of exceptiona' beauty, kitchen garden, paddocks, lodges, cottages, etc. The shooting is of the best, whilst the hunting is all that could be desired. Personally inspected and strongly recommended.—For rent and further particulars apply to Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (5204.)

HANTS (in a select and favourite district, one-and-a-half miles from two railway stations).—A very attractive and valuable Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE to be SOLD; beautifully situated on the borders of the New Forest, commanding fine views of the sea; approached by two long carriage drives, with entrance lodges, and containing fourteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, and usual offices; stabling for sixteen horses, and other usual addenda. The matured pleasure grounds are of great natural beauty, and laid out with exquisite taste. A trout stream intersects the property, affording some good fishing; model farm-buildings, homestead, etc. The entire area extending to about 223 acres, over which some good shooting can be obtained.—Price, and all other particulars of Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (4972.)

SURREY HILLS (in a lovely position).—This excellent Modern Country MANSION to be SOLD, with an area of about 120 acres; it commands exceedingly fine views over a richly-wooded country; and contains sixteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms; stabling for twelve horses; charming pleasure gardens, excellent kitchen garden, lodges, five cottages, farm-house, homestead, etc.—Price and fullest particulars of Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (5259.)

SALE DAYS for the YEAR 1902.

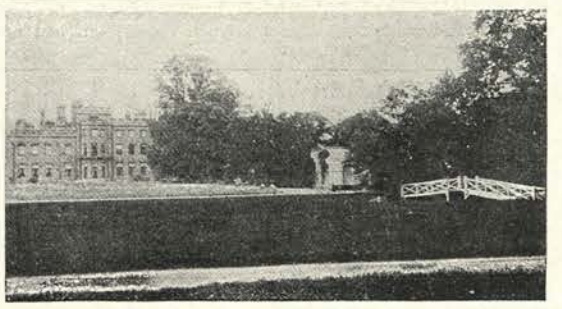
Messrs.

FAREBROTHER, ELLIS, EGERTON, BREACH, GALSWORTHY & Co. beg to announce that the undermentioned dates have been fixed for their AUCTIONS of FREEHOLD, Copyhold and Leasehold ESTATES, Reversions, Shares, Life Interest, &c., at the Auction Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C. Other appointments for intermediate Sales can also be arranged.

Monday, June 16	Thursday, August 7
Monday, June 23	Thursday, September 25
Thursday, July 3	Thursday, October 9
Monday, July 7	Thursday, October 23
Thursday, July 10	Monday, November 3
Thursday, July 17	Thursday, November 20
Thursday, July 24	Thursday, December 4
Monday, July 23	Thursday, December 11

A list of forthcoming Sales by Auction is published in the advertisement columns of "The Times," "Standard," and "Morning Post," every Saturday.—Messrs.

FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & CO. also issue on the first of every month a SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES TO BE LET OR SOLD, comprising landed and residential estates, farms, freehold and leasehold houses, town and country building land. City offices and warehouses, ground-rents and investments generally, which will be forwarded, free of charge, on application to their offices, No. 29, Fleet Street, Temple Bar, E.C.



THIS palatial and ancestral MANSION to be LET Furnished, for the Summer, seated in a gloriously-timbered park of 300 acres, and most perfectly situated within half-an-hour of the Metropolis; containing about 40 bed and dressing rooms, three bathrooms, seven reception rooms, picture gallery, extensive offices; stabling for sixteen. The pleasure gardens are most beautifully designed, and of a magnificent description, kitchen gardens, etc.; the whole is surrounded by a broad and deep moat fed by a main stream, and running into a large sheet of ornamental water, with two islands, heronry, etc. The Mansion is well appointed, lighted by electricity, and is highly recommended.—For rent, etc., apply to Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (3896.)

HERTS (in a favourite part of this choice County, and about one hour from Town).—To be LET, Furnished, for the Summer, an Elizabethan MANSION, commanding grand views and beautifully appointed; containing sixteen bed, bath, and four reception rooms; stabling for six; delightful gardens of thirteen acres.—Rent, etc., of Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (5092.)

IN the pretty country between Uxbridge and West Drayton.—To be SOLD, an attractive Freehold RESIDENCE, surrounded by about two-and-a-half acres of charming shady grounds. The House contains nine bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, good hall, handsome conservatory, excellent offices; modern stabling for four horses; pretty garden, good orchard.—For price and other particulars apply to Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (5426.)

IN a beautiful part of Kent, fifteen minutes' walk from a railway station and seven miles from the county town.—To be SOLD, the above RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING PROPERTY, comprising charming old Residence, seated in the midst of a well-timbered park, enjoying a south aspect, and standing at an altitude of 600ft. above sea level, commanding grand views for miles. It contains sixteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, three reception and billiard rooms, excellent offices; stabling for five. The pleasure grounds are of the usual order, kitchen garden, etc. The Estate comprises an area of about 1,000 acres, affords some good sporting, having about 330 acres of covert admirably adapted for the rearing of a large head of game. Hunting with three packs. There are four farms on the Property.—For price, etc., apply to Messrs. FAREBROTHER, ELLIS & Co., 29, Fleet Street, E.C. (5372.)

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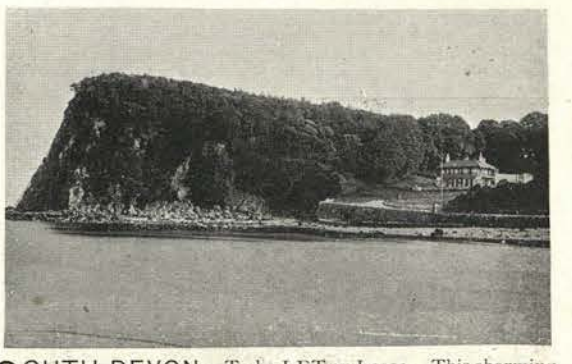

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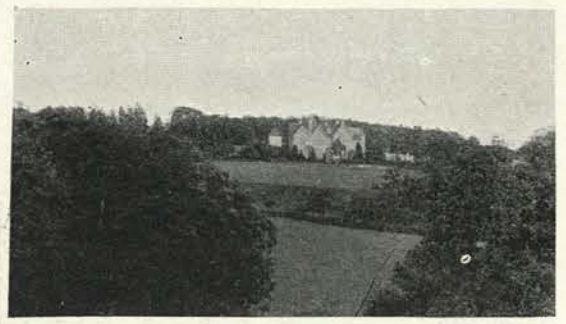

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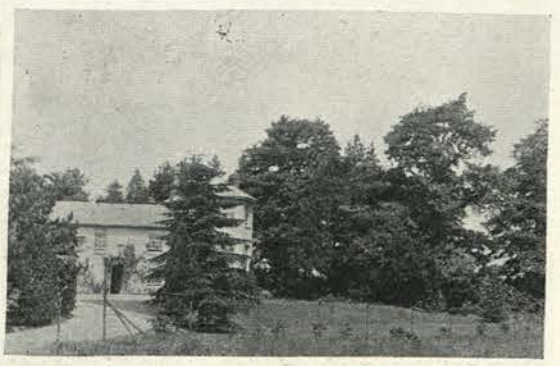

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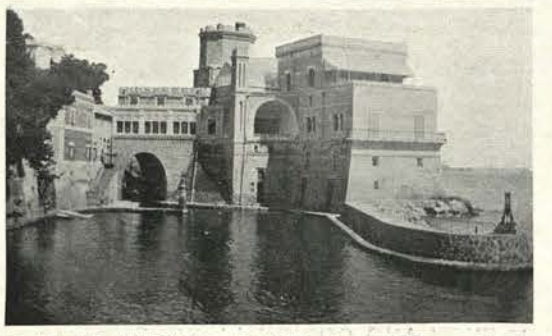

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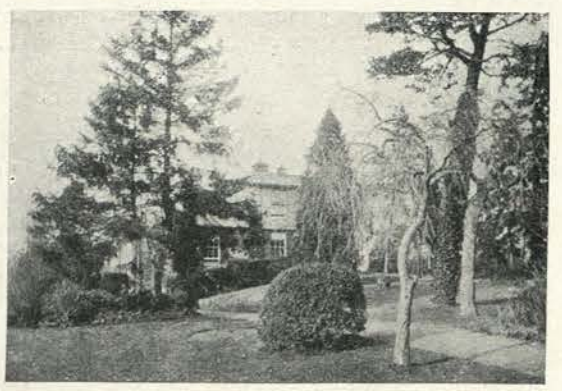
70 MINUTES OF TOWN by new line now being made, and now about 85 minutes.—For SALE, an important ESTATE, producing net £850 per annum. The land, which comprises the whole of the parish, is of first-class quality, the district being noted for the richness of its soil. The old-fashioned Family Residence could be easily enlarged. It is surrounded by gardens and old meadows, well-timbered and of great beauty. The accommodation consists at present of seven bedrooms, also servants' rooms or attics, good hall, three reception rooms and offices; excellent stabling; plenty of buildings, and eight cottages. The presentation to the church living belongs to Estate. Net rent roll £850, and will be Sold to pay nearly 4 per cent.—Full particulars on application. (10,249.)



SUFFOLK (on high ground, one mile of two stations, London reached under two hours; close to church and post-office; dry, healthy, gravel soil).—For SALE, Freehold, or to LET, on Lease, an attractive brick-built RESIDENCE, standing in well-timbered grounds, and with good pasture land sloping down to river banks, in all about seventeen acres. Accommodation: four to five reception rooms, seven bed and dressing rooms; stabling for five, two cottages, model farmery; good hunting and shooting. Price £5,250. (8119.)

DEVON AND CORNWALL BORDERS (one mile of station, G.W. Ry., and three miles important town).—For SALE, a valuable ESTATE of some 350 acres, with a charming old Elizabethan Residence, standing 500ft. above sea, bracing position, and containing four reception rooms, eight beds, and bath; stabling. Whole Estate in ring fence, and produces a rent roll of about £700. Shooting and fishing. Price £17,000. (10,118.)

HANTS (Basingstoke; in a charming locality, within two miles of a station on the main L. & S.W. Ry., standing in beautifully-timbered wide-spreading lawns and grounds, near church, post-office, and doctor, telegraph office and shops one-and-a-half miles distant, on sandy soil, and beautifully situate in the pinewood district).—To be SOLD, Freehold, or LET, Unfurnished, on Lease, with less land, a very picturesque old-fashioned RESIDENCE, with an excellent five-roomed lodge at entrance, and containing entrance hall, inner lounge hall 21ft. by 15ft. drawing room 25ft. by 18ft., dining room 25ft. by 16ft., boudoir 18ft by 10ft., smoking room 16ft. by 11ft., excellent domestic offices, six best bedrooms, six secondary and servants' bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c. water), three excellent attics, two of which make capital bedrooms; there is excellent stabling, comprising enclosed yard, four loose boxes, three stalls, harness room, three rooms over, loft, large coach-house, gig house, and usual outbuildings. The grounds are tastefully arranged, and comprise very fine lawn round House, beautifully timbered, and extending over an area of about two acres, flower gardens, two excellent walled kitchen gardens, well-stocked orchard in full bearing, and two capital paddocks, in all about thirteen acres. In addition to this there is a good sound grass or dairy farm, covering an area of about 32 acres. The whole is in a ring fence.—Inspected and recommended by the Agents. (9590.)

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.—For SALE, at a moderate price, an old-fashioned COUNTRY RESIDENCE, standing in prettily laid-out grounds, parkland of about 30 acres. It contains four reception rooms, ten bedrooms, and servants' accommodation; stabling for six, gardener's cottage, and lodge entrance; also farm-house buildings and about 170 acres of land, let off at £170 per annum. Healthy and bracing locality. Good sporting district. (9174.)

G.N.R.Y.—ESTATE, 400 acres, to pay about 4 per cent. net, or Residence and park only. Excellent hunting centre on confines of the Dukeries. House is in capital order, and very handsomely decorated; contains 20 bed and dressing rooms, two bath, billiard, and handsome suite of reception rooms; beautiful avenue drive quarter-of-a-mile. Property has been personally inspected, and is very strongly recommended. (10,409.)

WARWICKSHIRE.—Particularly well-built RESIDENCE, in perfect order, approached by long avenue drive, lodge entrance, and standing in prettily-timbered park, to be SOLD. Contains fourteen bedrooms, three dressing rooms, and two nurseries, bath, spacious hall, heated, three large lofty and handsomely-fitted reception rooms, full-sized billiard room; excellent stabling; conservatory, glasshouses, and buildings, etc.; the grounds are inexpensive, laid out in charming lawns, magnificently timbered, with cedar, forest, and ornamental trees, good walled kitchen gardens, the whole divided from the parkland by haw-haw fence; total area 145 acres. Hunting with Warwickshire and Atherstone Hounds; fishing and shooting can be had; excellent society; market town and station two miles. The whole is in perfect order, and forms a most covetable Property. Strongly recommended from personal inspection. Price is very moderate to ensure an early Sale. (10,422.)

KING EDWARD VII.'s CORONATION

26th and 27th JUNE, 1902.

WM. R. NICHOLAS & CO. have a large selection of SEATS, WINDOWS, and BALCONIES in the best positions in the West End, including:—

PALL MALL.
First floor, three windows, two days, 300 guineas.
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Ground floor for small party, two days, 150 guineas.
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First floor, two windows, two days, 350 guineas.

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LUDGATE HILL.—Splendid first floor for large party. Price 70 guineas or near offer.
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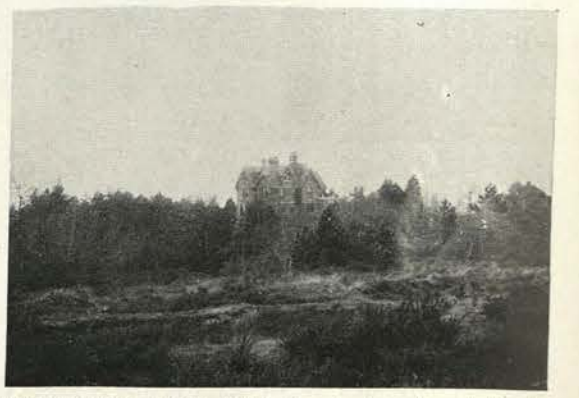
SEATS for CORONATION DAY,

Prices 3 guineas to 10 guineas.

SEATS for LONG PROCESSION, June 27th.

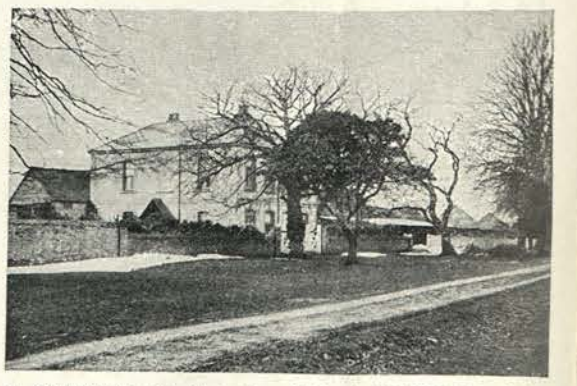
MESSRS. NICHOLAS & CO. have made special arrangements for parties of ten and upwards to secure seats on grand stands at greatly reduced prices.—Particulars of the above, and of many other places in the West End and City, can be obtained of the Agents.

HERTS AND MIDDLESEX BORDERS (in a lovely district; under half-a-mile of station, whence London is reached by a frequent express train service in about 30 minutes).—For SALE, Freehold, an unusually attractive RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, comprising about six-and-a-half acres of heavily-timbered old gardens, lawns, and woodlands. The House occupies one of the prettiest spots in the neighbourhood, is approached through the grounds by a carriage drive; contains twelve bedrooms, bathroom, drawing room of magnificent proportions, very large dining room, morning room, library, good entrance hall, and a large inner hall, excellent domestic offices; stabling, three stalls, coach-house, and two cottages; the grounds are perfectly secluded, are inexpensive to maintain, one gardener and a boy being all that are required; main drainage; Company's water and gas. The whole Property is in excellent repair. Price, Freehold, a very moderate one.—Photos. of the Agents, Messrs. WM. R. NICHOLAS & CO., 43A, Pall Mall, S.W. (9614.)



WEST OF ENGLAND (a mile from two stations).—To be SOLD, a Freehold RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, extending to about 20 acres. The House, which is substantially built of red brick upon gravel soil, facing west, contains the following accommodation: dining room 20ft. by 16ft., drawing room 18ft. by 18ft., library and billiard room combined 33ft. by 22ft., four principal and four secondary bedrooms, dressing room, and bathroom; the domestic offices include kitchen, larder, scullery, dairy, cellar, lavatory on ground and first floors; the grounds are nicely laid out, and include pleasure garden, large kitchen garden with conservatory and forcing pits; the pasture land extends to about fifteen acres; the stabling comprises two-stall stable, loose box, and loft over, double coach-house, and there is also a gardener's cottage. Splendid hunting can be enjoyed in the district. Tithe £4 12s. 7d. Price £4,500, Freehold. (8118.)

AMONG THE BERKSHIRE DOWNS.



A CAPITALLY situated small Freehold ESTATE of about 280 acres, comprising comfortable House; six bedrooms, three reception rooms; stabling and first-class farm-buildings; together with good pasture, sound arable and woodlands, and 40 acres of down land. The Residence is well adapted for the occupation of a gentleman farmer. It is situated less than one-and-a-half miles from a railway station, and a few miles from an important market town. A low price will be accepted from an immediate purchaser. (8069.)

WM. R. NICHOLAS & CO.,

43a, PALL MALL, S.W., and BLAGRAVE STREET, READING.

WANTED.

WANTED, urgently, for ten or twelve weeks during the Summer, a large COUNTRY MANSION, in park or extensive grounds, about one-and-a-half hours from Town, with 25 bedrooms, four reception rooms, and good men servant's rooms; stabling for ten horses. Owners, desirous of letting, communicate with "E.B., c/o HAMPTON & SONS, 1, Cockspur Street, S.W.

MESSRS. WALTON & LEE are seeking properties of the descriptions given below for clients of theirs who are bonâ-fide purchasers, and they respectfully invite owners thinking of selling to communicate with them. As many are naturally averse to the fact of their intention to sell becoming known, Messrs. WALTON & LEE, would respect a wish so expressed, and disclose the identity of a property only where the circumstances justify their introducing it to their clients.

WANTED, in Westmoreland, Cumberland, or one of the northern counties, to BUY a good SPORTING or RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of not less than 1,500 acres, which will afford good fishing and shooting (a property with a grouse moor forming part would be preferred, though not essential). The Mansion must be nicely situated, with good surroundings, and contain not less than eighteen bedrooms.—Short particulars, stating situation, river, area, total rental, outgoings, and price, to be addressed to "MERCHANT," Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED (within two hours of London preferred) to PURCHASE, a good HOUSE, which must be in a park, and have all the characteristics of a county Family Residence; land up to about 500 acres preferred, but a larger estate would be entertained if otherwise suitable.—Apply to "M. P.," Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, small SPORTING RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, within one-and-half hours of London, Berkshire preferred, from 200 to 400 acres. Old-fashioned Residence on high ground, dry soil; twelve to fourteen bedrooms, four reception rooms; also good farm-buildings and cottages, about one-third arable, one-third grass, one-third wood; good water supply essential; stabling for six.—Send full particulars to "J. T.," c/o Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, by a Member of Parliament, within a convenient run for week-end, an important MANSION, old-established, of character preferred; surrounded by fine parklands of 500 to 1,000 acres, with long trees and complete privacy to gardens and surroundings. Good entertaining rooms are wanted, and about 30 bedrooms; but a house capable of adding to, or remodelling, would be considered on a property otherwise suitable.—Send particulars to "Vanity Fair," c/o Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, in any fairly bracing district, preferably where fair second-class hunting can be had, not north of North Derbyshire, a first-class SPORTING ESTATE of about 4,000 acres, possibly more (or less if shooting can be rented), with a good house of some importance, having about 20-30 bedrooms, with interior appointments, etc., up-to-date preferred. Advertiser is most anxious to settle on an estate for early purchase, and will invest from £60,000 up to even a quarter of a million for the right place with suitable return.—Communications to "Sport," c/o Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED TO PURCHASE (preferably in Hampshire, within five miles main line station with good train service to London), a RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of 300-500 acres; must include good old House, possessing some distinguishing character, surrounded by well-timbered grass, and standing high, south-east or south-west aspect. Accommodation: eighteen to 20 bed, good reception rooms, and usual offices and stabling; but smaller House, if capable of enlargement, might be considered. From £20,000 to £25,000 would be paid for the right place. If good shooting and trout fishing were obtainable on lease, it would be an attraction.—Particulars to "859," c/o Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED (Norfolk or Suffolk; with early possession).—Well Furnished or partly Furnished HOUSE, for a term of years, with from 3,000 to 6,000 acres of shooting, good partridge land and coverts, to hold from 3,000 to 4,000 pheasants. House to occupy good position, situate in a park of 200 to 300 acres, and to contain about 20 bed and five reception rooms; stabling for twelve horses. Good rental will be paid for suitable place.—Send full particulars to "Bedford," c/o Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, a good all-round SPORTING ESTATE of about 2,500 to 3,000 acres, preferably in Warwickshire, or Glos. and Oxon, in the districts adjoining South Warwick. The House to contain about 25 bed, good reception rooms, and offices. Excellent partridge shooting and plenty of small well-placed coverts capable of carrying a good head of pheasants; some trout fishing liked. House of some character greatly preferred.—Send particulars to "Liverpool," c/o Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W.

WANTED, on the north coast of Cornwall, for six weeks, from about the 1st of August, a small HOUSE or FARM-HOUSE, at or near the sea-side; two or three sitting rooms, or four to six bedrooms, with or without attendance.—36, Campden Hill Gardens, W.

WANTED, a HOUSE for August and September, in Shropshire, Yorkshire, or North Wales; twelve bedrooms, three or four sitting rooms; good stabling for four horses. High situation, good views; tennis lawn; good water supply. Within two miles of station. Rent 10-12 guineas a week.—Apply "J. D. D.," 17, Kensington Park Gardens, W.

WANTED TO RENT OR PURCHASE, a gentleman's RESIDENCE, containing eight to ten bedrooms, and three reception rooms; stabling for five horses; and 100 to 150 acres of good pasture land. Shropshire or Cheshire preferred. Approximate price £6,000.—Full particulars to BRUTON KNOWLES & Co., Albion Chambers, Gloucester.

WANTED, a good PARTRIDGE SHOOT, promising 500 to 1,000 brace.—State full particulars, especially game bags, to "G. F.," Bolton's Library, 39, St. George's Place, Knightsbridge, S.W. No lists.

WANTED, for August and September, Furnished HOUSE of three sitting and ten or twelve bedrooms, with 3,000 to 5,000 acres of rough shooting; not low ground; in Scotland, Devon, and Cornwall.—E. NORTON, Fareham, Hants.

WANTED, near Shrewsbury or Chester, a large Furnished MANSION on a three years' Lease; eighteen bedrooms, four reception rooms.—BELL, WILLIAMS, SON & Co., 40, North John Street, Liverpool.

WANTED, Unfurnished COUNTRY HOUSE, Herefordshire or Shropshire preferred; three reception rooms, seven to eight bedrooms, lavatory downstairs, bathroom (h. and c.), good kitchens and offices; stabling for two, groom's room; good garden (orchard if possible); gravel soil; near station. Rent £70 to £80.—"H.," Hillcote, Bideford.

WANTED.—Continued.

WANTED immediately to PURCHASE, with early possession, for a maximum of £4,000, in Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, North Wilts, North Hants, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, or Worcestershire, a spacious, well-built COUNTRY HOUSE, in good order, and containing about ten bedrooms and four or five reception rooms; stabling not essential; matured grounds of about two acres. Property should be in the near neighbourhood of a town, affording some society; advertiser might buy a village house; near station; golf wanted; gas and main drainage preferred. Replies from agents considered.—Address full particulars No. 209, KEITH and Co., 43, George Street, Edinburgh.

SOUTHERN COUNTY (within view of sea).—Wanted early in 1903, for one year, with option of extension, small pretty COUNTRY HOUSE, Furnished or Unfurnished; three sitting, four good bed, two servants' rooms; coach, stabling for two; good garden, gardener's cottage, about five acres land; near golf course, three miles railway station.—Address "COLONEL," c/o DAWSON & SONS, 121, Cannon Street, London, E.C.

MESSRS. HANKINSON & SON,

ESTATE AGENTS & AUCTIONEERS,
Richmond Chambers, Bournemouth; 2, St. John's Buildings, Boscombe; and 62, High Street, Camberley.

CHRISTCHURCH (near).—TO YACHTSMEN AND OTHERS.—The above beautiful Marine RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, for SALE or to be LET, Furnished or Unfurnished. Excellent salmon and sea fishing, hunting, golf, boating, and yachting. The Property comprises charming old-fashioned Residence, standing in delightful matured shady garden sloping down to the sea-shore, extending to about three-and-a-half acres. The House is fitted with every modern convenience and luxury, and contains entrance lobby and lavatory, cloak closet, etc., quaint garden hall, dining room 20ft. by 18ft., with large bay, drawing room 27ft. by 18ft., side hall window recess, library or smoking room 25ft. by 17ft. 6in., schoolroom, and conservatory. The offices comprise servants' hall, butler's pantry, with strong room, two menservant's rooms, kitchen, scullery pantry, larder, ample cellarage, etc. On the upper floors, with principal and secondary staircases, are nine best bedrooms, one dressing room, bathroom, four maid servants' rooms, and boxroom, etc. Gas and water laid on. Telephone communication with the local and trunk lines and telegraph offices. The stabling comprises seven stalls, two boxes, washing box, two coach-houses, harness room, and three rooms over for coachman, large loft, and accommodation for grooms. Adjoining is a capital cottage for gardener.—Price and rent on application. (C.F. 10.)

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—Messrs. HANKINSON & SON will SELL by AUCTION, at The King's Arms Hotel, Christchurch, on Thursday, June 5th, 1902, at 4.30 p.m., unless previously disposed of by Private Contract, the above valuable Freehold VILLA RESIDENCE known as "Stourville," standing in its own ornamental grounds of about three-quarters of an acre, situate about one mile from the railway station on the main road to Bournemouth. The accommodation comprises three reception rooms, five bedrooms, bathroom, and excellent domestic offices. New system of drainage established, and water laid on from the Company's mains. At present let at £70 per annum, but possession can be had on the 29th of September next.

ALSO THE ADJOINING DETACHED FREEHOLD VILLA known as "Rosalie," with stabling and good garden. The accommodation comprises three sitting rooms, five bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and offices. Estimated rental value £50 per annum. Possession on completion of the purchase.—Particulars and conditions of Sale, with plan, may be obtained of Messrs. ROWLANDS & Co., Solicitors, 41, Temple Row, Birmingham; and of the Auctioneers, HANKINSON & SON, Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Bournemouth, Boscombe, and Camberley.

HANTS (in pine and heather district).—Good HOUSE to LET, for August and September; eleven bed and dressing rooms, three reception, bathroom; good garden, tennis court; carriage, coachman and garden; stabling for three horses; church and station one-and-a-quarter miles.—Apply Mrs. H. WALLER, East Liss P. O., Hants.

HANTS (six miles from Winchester, and close to station).—To be LET, Furnished, for one, two, or three months, containing two reception and five bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.); large garden, croquet lawn; near post, church, and doctor. Rent 4 guineas per week.—JAMES HARRIS & SON, Jewry Chambers, Winchester.

HERTFORDSHIRE (one mile from Broxbourne Station, half-an-hour from Liverpool Street).—HOUSE, containing four reception, ten bedrooms, dressing room, two bathrooms, excellent offices, all modern conveniences; tennis court, large garden with produce. To be LET for August and September. Rent moderate.—BECK, Hoddesdon.

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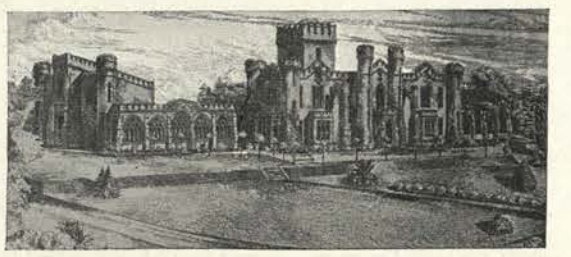
44, CHARING CROSS, WHITEHALL, S.W.



THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.

IN THE LAKE DISTRICT.—This grandly situate stone-built CASTLE, 600ft. above sea level, with south aspect; fourteen bedrooms, three reception rooms, oak-panelled hall 30ft. by 20ft., fine old black oak staircase 12ft. wide, cloisters, etc.; stabling; cottage, and about eight-and-a-half acres of beautifully-timbered grounds; all in excellent condition. Freehold, £5,000 (less than one-tenth of its cost). The appropriate furniture can also be purchased if desired.—Messrs. HEDGER and MIXER, 44, Charing Cross, S.W.

NORFOLK (sand and gravel soil; in an old-world village; standing in secluded grounds about three acres).—A charming RESIDENCE, all in order; eight bedrooms, three reception rooms; cottage, stabling, etc.; about five acres. Freehold. £1,250.—Messrs. HEDGER & MIXER, 44, Charing Cross, S.W.

GLOS.—Tudor RESIDENCE, 500ft. above sea level; eleven bedrooms; stabling; gardens, and 300 acres of exceptionally good land. Lovely views. Freehold, £8,000.—Messrs. HEDGER and MIXER, 44, Charing Cross, S.W.

£2,000.—SOMERSET.—A charming Family RESIDENCE, high and healthy situation; seven bedrooms; stabling; capital gardens, etc., three acres.—Messrs. HEDGER & MIXER, 44, Charing Cross, S.W.

£1,200.—SUFFOLK.—Snug little RESIDENCE, high healthy position; six bedrooms; stabling, capital buildings; golf; eight acres. Freehold.—Messrs. HEDGER & MIXER, 44, Charing Cross, S.W.

BUCKS.—A delightful RESIDENCE; ten bedrooms, nice reception rooms; stabling; pretty grounds, etc., ten acres. Rent £200.—Messrs. HEDGER & MIXER, 44, Charing Cross, S.W.

GENUINE TUDOR MANSION, untouched by modern builder; 220 acres park and other lands. £12,000.—Messrs. HEDGER & MIXER, 44, Charing Cross, S.W.

WALES.—To LET, Furnished or Unfurnished, in healthy and beautiful neighbourhood, one mile from village, church, and telegraph; comfortable HOUSE; three sitting rooms, six principal, three servants' bedrooms, bathroom; stabling and outbuildings, with or without land adjoining. Rent moderate.—Apply AGENT, Hafodunos, Abergele, North Wales.

LUDLOW.—Very comfortably Furnished HOUSE, near lovely old town, to LET for twelve weeks or less from June 9th; three reception, ten bedrooms, bathroom; fruit, flowers, vegetables; stabling, governess cart; golf links near, fishing obtainable; plate, linen, and servants left if wanted. 6 guineas a week.—H. WOOLLEY'S Library, Ludlow.

INGATESTONE.—To be LET, from Michaelmas next, a most desirable RESIDENCE, standing in picturesque grounds, comprising with pasture land, nearly twelve acres. Within reach of three packs of hounds and three minutes only from railway station. The House contains three reception rooms and nine bedrooms; stabling, cow-house, etc.—For particulars, apply to F. COVERDALE, Ingatestone, Essex.

LEAMINGTON SPA.—To be LET, Furnished, for the Hunting season, large COUNTRY MANSION, near to town and station, within easy reach of Warwickshire and North Warwickshire Meets. Accommodation comprises four handsome reception rooms, boudoir, study, 22 bed and dressing rooms, commodious offices; stabling for twelve horses; gas and water supply. Sanitation perfect.—Apply to COOKES and SOUTHORN, Estate Agents, Leamington Spa.

LEAMINGTON SPA.—To be SOLD, "Craven Lodge," Kenilworth Road, a most desirable RESIDENCE, in one of the highest and favourite positions in the environs of the town; comprising three reception rooms, nine bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and capital domestic offices; large garden, with tennis lawn and conservatory.—COOKES & SOUTHORN, Estate Agents, Leamington Spa.

NORTH DEVON.—Compact MANORIAL, AGRICULTURAL and SPORTING ESTATE, with small Residence, containing three reception, nine bed and dressing rooms, bath; stabling, gardens, and grounds. Rental over £1,000 a year. Splendid sporting district—stag, fox, and otter hunting. Price £25,000.—RIPPON, SON & Co., Exeter.

A DELIGHTFUL FREEHOLD RESIDENCE for SALE, near Gloucester, standing in a sheltered position facing south, and containing five bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, two reception rooms; charming pleasure grounds, through which a stream runs. Lovely views of the surrounding country, including the ancient Parish Church. Photo. at office.—For price and further particulars, apply to Messrs. BRUTON KNOWLES & Co., Estate and House Agents, Albion Chambers, Gloucester.

WITH ROD on well-known salmon river.—Exclusive TROUT FISHING; large shootings, varied bag, rabbit warren; boating; perfect water supply and sanitation; beautiful scenery; near golf; telegraph half-a-mile, station four. Above MANSION. Furnished. Rent 300 guineas. For Summer, 120 guineas.—KENYON, Glandovey, R.S.O., Cardiganshire.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (on the borders of Essex and Suffolk, ten miles from the University town of Cambridge, and thirteen miles from Newmarket).—The exceedingly valuable AGRICULTURAL and SPORTING PROPERTY known as the "Linton Estate," situate chiefly in the parish of Linton. The railway station is in the centre of the Property, and from Cambridge (twenty minutes by rail) there is an excellent express train service on the Great Eastern and Great Northern lines, London being reached in an hour and a half. The Estate extends over an area of 2,000 acres, and comprises six farms, 37 acres of woodland, several plots of accommodation land, and sundry cottages; it possesses excellent facilities for sport, the partridge shooting over it being regarded as second to none in the district, and the soil is eminently suitable for game, for the rearing and preserving of which there is every facility. The River Granta runs through the Property for a distance of about a mile, and the trout fishing in it might, with proper care and preservation, be made very good indeed.

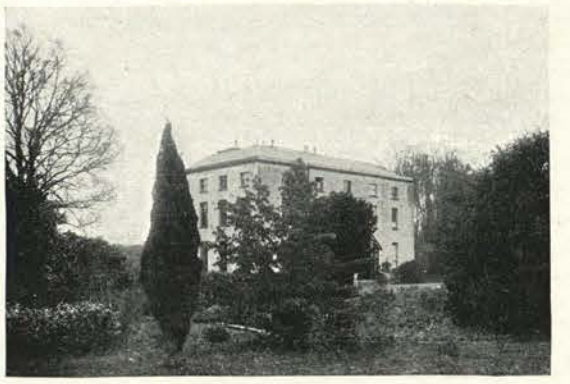
MR. CHEFFINS is instructed by the owner to offer the above Property for SALE by AUCTION, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, on Monday, June 16th, 1902, at 2 o'clock precisely.—Particulars, with plan and conditions of Sale, may be obtained of Messrs. LONGBOURNE, STEVENS and POWELL, Solicitors, 7, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London; of Messrs. MARTIN NOCKOLDS & SONS, Land Agents, Saffron Walden, and Cambridge; and of the Auctioneer, Saffron Walden, Essex.

FOR SALE, OR TO LET, FURNISHED.

LOVELY POSITION (commanding extensive views of the surrounding country).—Excellently appointed RESIDENCE, situated within 30 minutes of City and West End; close to Dulwich College and the Crystal Palace. It comprises handsome suite of four reception rooms on ground floor, billiard room, breakfast room, ten bed and dressing rooms, principal and secondary staircases, servants' hall, and well-planned domestic offices. There is also stabling for three horses, double coach-house, and men's rooms over. It is approached by carriage sweep, and stands in pretty grounds, with tennis lawn, etc.—For full particulars apply NOYS & HOWES, Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Sydenham. (U 515.)

KYLEMORE CASTLE AND ESTATE (in the Heart of Connemara, County Galway, Ireland).—This magnificent Freehold DOMAIN, with its 13,000 acres in Erin's Western Highlands, was brought into fame by the lavish expenditure of a beneficent owner, whose princely fortune transformed a once insignificent sporting lodge into one of the finest baronial castles at present existent in the British Isles. The Castle occupies an ideal situation in the gorgeous Kylemore Pass, and stands on a terrace sloping to the waters of Pollacappul Lough, unrivalled for the grandeur and indescribable beauty of its scenic surroundings; the stately pile of buildings forming the Castle are of imposing appearance in the Scottish style of architecture, surmounted by castellated embattlements, turrets, and towers, the whole being of massive construction, faced with cut granite, and having limestone dressings. The erection of the Castle occupied a term of seven years, and a sum estimated at close on half a million sterling was expended on the building, the reclamation of the land, and the laying out of the charming gardens and pleasure grounds; the principal approach to the Castle is by a picturesque winding carriage drive about two miles in extent, traversing the richly adorned gardens and skirting loughs—Pollacappul and Maladrolaun and the Dawros River. The accommodation of the Castle is ample for the requirements of a large establishment, and includes a series of four spacious halls, a suite of sumptuous reception rooms, including drawing room, 33ft. 9in. by 20ft. 6in.; breakfast room, 18ft. 3in. by 15ft.; morning room, 19ft. by 17ft. 6in.; dining room, 35ft. by 19ft. 6in.; billiard room, 31ft. by 24ft. 6in.; ball room, 49ft. 6in. by 29ft. 6in.; study, 14ft. 3in. by 13ft. 6in.; library, 32ft. by 20ft., and boudoir; 33 bed and dressing rooms, two with fitted baths, two other bath rooms, gun room, smoking or school room, work room, linen room, etc., and very ample domestic offices, the whole replete in every detail for comfort and convenience, and arranged to suit the occupation of a family of distinction. The principal portions of the Castle are heated by hot water, and there is electric light installed throughout, the power for which is derived from a mountain lake. An unlimited supply of water flows by gravitation to the highest level of the Castle, and fire hydrants are fitted throughout, both internally and externally; the drainage is also of modern design, and suited to present day requirements; a fully-equipped Turkish bath is adjacent to the Castle, and at a convenient remove are stables for twelve horses, coach-house for twelve or more carriages, harness room, coachman's house, groom's accommodation, etc. Picturesquely situate within the Castle grounds is a beautifully designed chapel or church, with lofty tower and a richly embellished interior, a singularly fine stone structure erected regardless of cost. The gardens and grounds, planted with an endless variety of luxuriant trees and shrubs and intersected by mountain streams, are far-famed for their beauty and high state of cultivation, and include walled flower and kitchen gardens of eight-and-a-half acres, with an extensive range of magnificent glasshouses; head gardener's house and men's accommodation, also steward's house, post and telegraph office, ornamental boat-house, model home farm with good dairy, well-fitted laundry, estate workshops, etc. To a keen sportsman the estate possesses a distinctive charm, there being excellent and varied shooting, splendid salmon and other fishing, and unbounded yachting facilities. For a distance of three miles the Estate is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean, and there is a good harbour available for yachts up to 200 tons about three miles from the Castle. Within the boundaries of the Estate are several loughs, rivers, mountains, moors, valleys and glens, entire villages, the Letterfrack Hotel, etc., the whole lying compactly together, and forming one of the grandest country seats in the British Isles.—Messrs.

H. E. FOSTER & CRANFIELD (in conjunction with Messrs. JAMES H. NORTH & CO.) will offer for SALE by AUCTION, at the Mart, London, E.C., on Wednesday, June 18th, at 2 o'clock, the above magnificent Freehold DEMESNE.—Illustrated particulars, price 5s. each, of Messrs. MACKRELL, MATON, GODLEE & QUINCEY, Solicitors, 21, Cannon Street, London, E.C.; of Messrs. BELDON & ACKROYD, Solicitors, Bradford, Yorks; of Messrs. JAMES H. NORTH & CO., Estate Agents, 110, Grafton Street, Dublin; and of the Auctioneers, 6, Poultry, London, E.C.



COUNTY CORK, IRELAND.

MESSRS. GUY EWING & CO. are instructed to find a Purchaser for the important Freehold RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE known as "Hoddersfield," which occupies a unique position overlooking Cork Harbour, and commanding views of surpassing beauty. The Demesne, which is Freehold and in a ring fence, covers about 530 acres of very productive land, mostly under grass, though a considerable portion is covered by well-planted and flourishing woodlands, the timber, from the very sheltered position which the Estate occupies, being of remarkably fine growth. So well protected indeed is the site of the House and grounds, that among the shrubs which flourish there is the delicate Benthamia, while Mimosas and Rhododendrons bloom in February; at the same time, while sheltered from the prevailing winds, it is not shut in, and the views from the House are not only of great beauty but also of great extent. Without in any way interfering with the amenities of the place as a residence some portions could be profitably developed for building purposes, thus adding to its value as an investment, though this has not been taken into account in fixing the price which the Agents are instructed to accept. The distance from Queenstown by steam-launch is only 20 minutes, or from Cork, by road, eleven miles, but the new Cork to Crosshaven Railway will greatly reduce this, as there will be a station within five minutes' walk of the House. The sporting qualities of the Estate are undeniable; the sea fishing is quite first-class; as many as 25 couple of woodcock have been shot in a day, and the woods are admirably adapted for rearing a large head of pheasants. The well-known South Union Foxhounds hunt the surrounding county. The Mansion is a comfortable square-built House containing the following accommodation: spacious entrance hall, a very large, lofty, and well-lit drawing room, good dining room, library, boudoir, and sixteen bedrooms; there is stabling for eleven horses, groom's room, coach-house, and a very ample range of well-built farm-buildings, steward's house, eight cottages, and water mill. The water supply is excellent and ample, and the sanitary arrangements are A1. It is perhaps the best yachting centre in the South of Ireland, and there is a private pier, landing stage, boat-house, and very good anchorage for a yacht of considerable tonnage at the entrance gate itself. Steamers to Queenstown ply at frequent intervals, and as that town is the terminus of the line, connecting with the direct route to London via Kingstown and North Wall, it will be seen that there are alternative routes available, either via Cork and G.W. Ry. to Paddington, or by North Wall to Euston over the L. & N.W. Ry, The distance of the House from the new Cross-Haven Station, on the Cork and Passage Railway, is only quarter-of-a-mile, at which distance also are two churches doctor, and postal-telegraph office.—For further particulars, photos., and orders to view, apply to the Agents, Messrs. GUY, EWING & CO., 84, Mount Street, Park Lane, London, W.; or to Messrs. FRENCH & BEAMISH, 2, South Hall, Cork.

A GENTLEMAN will SELL the above handsome HOUSE, situated in the best part of Aldeburgh-on-Sea, near the station, church, post, doctors, river, sea, and golf; facilities for good wild-fowling and yachting. The House contains ten bedrooms, three reception rooms, and is most conveniently planned, having good accommodation for servants, bath, etc.; matured shady garden, walled, with tennis-lawn; summer-house and greenhouse. A moderate price is asked, or will let for the season.—Apply "N.W.," Guildown Grange, Guildford.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Furnished COUNTRY HOUSE; high, bracing; four sitting, ten bedrooms; stabling, carriages, 40 acres grass, three tennis and croquet lawns, golf, cricket ground; lovely shady gardens, vegetables, fruit, dairy. Rough shooting, 200 acres. 10 guineas a week.—"G.," c/o GEORGE NEWNES, LTD., 7, Southampton Street, Strand.

DURING CORONATION WEEK ONLY.—Lady and gentleman are willing to LET a few ROOMS in their House, one minute from Earl's Court Station. Exceptional references given and required.—Apply "Solicitor," c/o COUNTRY LIFE Office, 20, Tavistock Street, W.C.

NEW FOREST.—For SALE, charming PROPERTY, about twelve acres; small House, lovely views over forest; gardens, terraces, tennis court, pine wood, meadows; stabling, outbuildings; close to church, post, telegraph office; shooting, hunting, golf; subsoil sand, gravel. No agents.—HEATHERLEA, Totton, Hants.

MID-WALES.—To be LET for the Summer months, well Furnished, very convenient detached RESIDENCE in picturesque neighbourhood, with lawn, kitchen garden, stables, etc.; sanitation perfect.—"E. A. D.," c/o COUNTRY LIFE, 20, Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—To be LET, PART-Y-SEAL, in the Parish of Grosmont, about four miles from Pontrilas Station, for a term of three, five, or seven years' lease, from 24th June next. This compact Residence is beautifully situated, overlooking the valley of the Monnow, and surrounded by well timbered park-like ground. It contains the usual sitting rooms, good domestic offices, ten bedrooms, dressing and bathroom; six-stall stable, man's room over, and good lodge. Within reach of two packs of hounds; shooting over 370 acres, some fishing. Grass land could be rented. Rent £130 per annum.—Apply H. HAYWOOD & SON, Hereford.

By direction of the Residuary Devisees of the late Augustus William Gadesden, Esquire.

EWELL (Surrey).—The highly important and valuable Freehold ESTATE, situate in the pretty village of Ewell, eight minutes' walk from the two stations (30 minutes by rail from London), comprising Ewell Castle, a fine castellated Mansion, commanding all the beauty of its park-like grounds, and containing seventeen principal and secondary bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, and handsome library or billiard room, commodious domestic offices; excellent stabling for seven horses and spacious coach-house, a gardener's cottage, farmery, and range of vineries, glasshouses, and conservatories. The park-like grounds embrace an area of about 55 acres, and include ornamental pleasure grounds, with terrace walk, productive walled-in kitchen gardens, and luxuriant meadow land, with the site of an ancient banqueting hall. Possession on completion. "Chessington House," a detached Gentleman's Residence, containing seven bedrooms, bathroom, three reception rooms, etc.; stabling, outbuildings, and walled-in pleasure grounds. Possession at Michaelmas next. Also sixteen Freehold Shops and Cottages in Ewell. The above will be SOLD by AUCTION by

ROBT. W. FULLER, MOON & FULLER, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., on Friday, June 13th, at 2 p.m. Vendors' Solicitors, Messrs. MILLER, SMITH & BELL, 3, Salters' Hall Court, E.C.—Particulars of the Auctioneers, at Croydon, Reigate, and Epsom.

ISLE OF WIGHT.—An exceptionally choice Freehold ESTATE of 453 acres, known as "Wroxall Farm," situated in one of the most picturesque parts of this favourite island, one mile from Wroxall Station, and within easy distance of Shanklin and Ventnor. There is a genteel Residence with farm-buildings. Possession on completion. For SALE by AUCTION by

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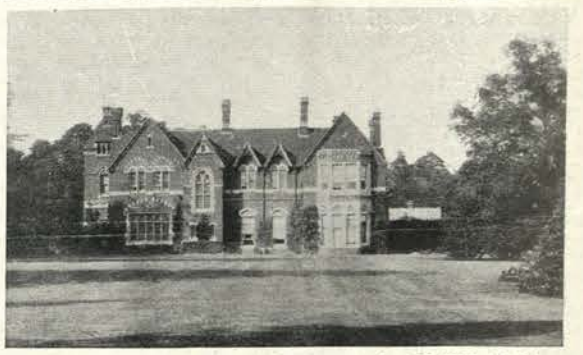


AUCTION SALE, JULY 14TH, at the MART, E.C.

WINDLESHAM COURT (close to Sunningdale Station, and near Ascot).—This magnificent Freehold DOMAIN of 272 acres, with Mansion, stabling, farmery, lovely old grounds and park, two lodge entrances, ornamental lake of four acres, the whole Estate splendidly timbered and situate on an eminence; a fine cricket pitch, with pavilion, tennis and croquet grounds, cottages, etc.—Auctioneers, CHANCELLOR and SONS, Sunningdale and Ascot, and at Richmond and 51, Pall Mall, S.W.

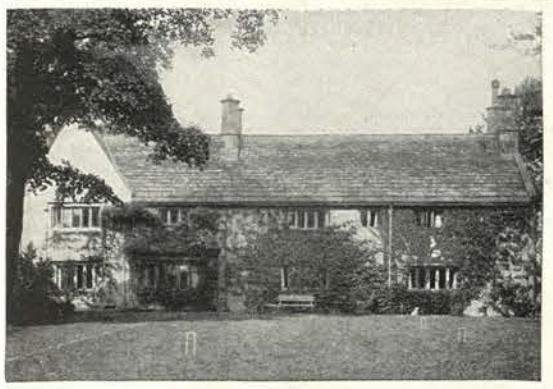
AUCTION SALE, JULY 14TH, at the MART, E.C.

ILFRACOMBE (Devon).—BURROW HOUSE.—This charming Freehold Residence, situate in lovely old grounds, approached by long winding carriage drive. It contains twelve bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, four reception rooms, billiard room, and offices; stabling for four horses; tennis court and lawns, walled gardens and glasshouses, meadow, in all five-and-a-half acres; excellent water supply and sanitary arrangements; near sea and Promenade, church, and railway station.—Auctioneers, CHANCELLOR & SONS, 51, Pall Mall, S.W., and at Richmond and Ascot.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION, JULY 14TH NEXT, AT THE MART, E.C., AT 2 O'CLOCK.

BECKENHAM ("Raleigh," Fox Grove Road).—A very superior detached RESIDENCE, occupying a first-class position, with exceptionally charming grounds, at a convenient distance of Beckenham Junction and other railway stations, with easy access to the City and West End; containing twelve bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, billiard room, four reception rooms, vestibule, inner hall, side hall leading to garden, commodious domestic offices; delightful grounds, with fernery, tennis lawn, gravel tennis court, kitchen garden, greenhouse, hot-house, potting shed and summer-house, the area being about one-and-three-quarter acres. Lease about 60 years; ground rent £71 10s. Possession on completion. May be viewed.—Particulars of Sale of Messrs. PHELPS, SIDGWICK and BIDDLE, Solicitors, 22, Aldermanbury E.C.; and of Messrs. CHANCELLOR & SON, Auctioneers, 51, Pall Mall, S.W.; also at Richmond and Ascot, and Sunningdale, Berks.

SOUTH WALES.—To be LET, Unfurnished, or partly Furnished, for a term of years if required, the comfortable RESIDENCE known as "Glaspant," situate in the parish of Cilrhedin, Carmarthenshire, about four miles from the town and railway station of Newcastle Emlyn; three reception and twelve bedrooms. House faces south, and is charmingly situated. About 500 acres of shooting (exclusive), including 50 acres of cover, with about two miles of fishing on the river Cych; more fishing and shooting obtainable.—For particulars, apply to Messrs. MORGAN & RICHARDSON, Solicitors, Cardigan.

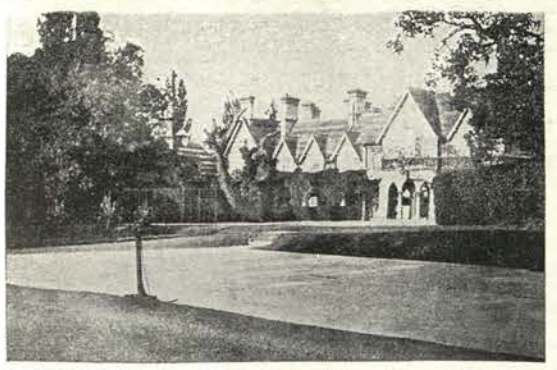


TO LET, BEAUMONT HALL, Lancaster.—An old Manor House, with charming grounds, three entertaining rooms, schoolroom, ten bedrooms, two dressing rooms, and five good attics. Supplied with Lancaster water, and within two miles of the railway station. Possession could be had by arrangement.—For particulars and cards to view, apply Messrs. GILLOW and Co., Cabinet Makers, Lancaster.

WESTMORLAND.—To be LET, the desirable RESIDENCE or MANSION HOUSE called "Halecote," situate in Witherslack, five-and-a-half miles from Grange-over-Sands and about eight from Windermere. The House, which has a southerly aspect, is well sheltered on the easterly side, and commands an extensive view of Morecambe Bay. Rent, inclusive of about 77 Statute acres of land, £200 per annum for a term of years.—Apply S. I. LEE, Estate Office, Knowsley, Prescot.

ON THE BORDERS OF BUCKS AND HERTS.—2,800 acres of shooting, including excellent coverts for holding about 5,000 pheasants; about 200 acres of uncultivated and rough grass fields, beautifully situated between some of the coverts, most suitable for varied bag, besides being excellent cover for holding partridges, together with Furnished SHOOTING BOX, comprising three sitting rooms and six principal bedrooms, w.c., lavatory, etc.; stabling for four horses, etc., and four keepers' cottages. About 30 miles from London, and under four miles from nearest railway station. The expenses of keepers, up-keep, etc., must be paid for as from 1st of February last.—Full particulars of GERARD D. MORRISON, Estate Office, Childwick Bury, St. Albans, Herts.

TO BE SOLD by Private Contract (Worcestershire)—The "Bank House," Kempsey. A charming COUNTRY RESIDENCE, standing in its own grounds of about 23 acres, comprising pleasure and kitchen gardens, tennis courts, lawns, shrubberies, and rich old pasture and orchard land, and having first-rate stabling for thirteen horses, double coach-house, harness and coachman's rooms, dog kennels, etc.; situate in one of the most beautiful parts of the valley of the Severn, within easy reach of three packs of hounds, near to the far-famed Malvern Hills, and four miles from the cathedral city of Worcester. The Residence is of moderate size, and contains entrance hall, three reception rooms, conservatory, seven principal bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, excellent domestic offices, and cellars. Possession at Michaelmas next.—For cards to view and further particulars apply to Messrs. BENTLEY, HOBBS, & MYTTON, Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Worcester.



BECKENHAM (in the county of Kent).—To be LET or SOLD, with possession, the very charming Freehold RESIDENTIAL ESTATE (free from land tax), with prospective building value, prettily situated between Kelsey Park and Eden Park, and close to the polo ground, in old-established and beautifully-timbered ornamented grounds; two productive kitchen gardens and four paddocks; within a mile of Beckenham Junction Station, from whence there is a frequent and good service of trains to the City and West End. It comprises a substantially-built and excellent Family Mansion, containing eighteen bed and dressing rooms, three reception rooms, boudoir, billiard room, business room, and capital domestic offices; also stabling for eight horses, extensive vineries and other glasshouses, cowsheds, pigstyes, and other outbuildings, the whole containing about 16a. 1r. 9p. Ready for immediate occupation.—Full particulars, with views, plans, and cards to view may be obtained of Messrs. G. A. WILKINSON & SON, Auctioneers and Surveyors, 7, Poultry, London.

BUCKS (two-and-a-half miles from West Drayton Station, on the main Great Western line, 20 minutes from London). A charming compact PROPERTY, known as "Coppins," in the centre of a lovely district, on gravel soil, and in excellent structural and decorative repair; sixteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, fine billiard room, unusually good range of servants' offices; lodge entrance, stables; model farmery, finely-timbered grounds and meadows, in all nearly fifteen acres. Excellent water supply, and gas laid on. To be SOLD at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, on Wednesday, the 11th June, 1902, unless previously disposed of by Private Treaty.—Full particulars of Messrs. JANSON, COBB, PEARSON and Co., Solicitors, 22, College Hill, E.C.; or of Mr. MASON, Estate Agent and Auctioneer, Windsor (and at Ascot).

SPLENDID INVESTMENT for Gentleman fond of outdoor life, with the best big game shooting in S. India.—A first-class COFFEE ESTATE in Travancore, India, with management, at earliest possible moment. Elevation 5,000-6,000ft.; climate perfect. Present crop, about 50 tons coffee. Every investigation invited. Proposing purchaser can live as paying guest on Estate for six months before deciding. Price, £6,000 (part can remain on mortgage).—Details from R. J. ROUSE & Co., 130, Fenchurch Street, London; or MILLIGAN and Co., Tuticorin, India.

MARKET HARBOROUGH (within two miles), Leicestershire.—Valuable Freehold HUNTING BOX or RESIDENCE, known as "The Laurels," Lubenham, to be SOLD by AUCTION by Messrs. HOLLOWAY, PRICE & Co., at the Angel Hotel, Market Harborough, on Tuesday, the 17th day of June, 1902, at 4 for 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The House is situate on the outskirts of the village of Lubenham, and within half-a-mile of the station there, and contains entrance hall, dining, drawing, breakfast, and sitting rooms, six bed and two dressing rooms, bathroom, etc. The servants' apartments comprise kitchen, scullery, servants' hall, brush and store room, five bedrooms, cellars, and usual out-offices. The gardens are pretty and inexpensive to keep up; there is also a good conservatory; and "Home Close," containing about four acres of excellent feeding land. The Market Harboro' Town Water Supply is laid on. The new polo ground is within half-a-mile. The situation for hunting cannot be surpassed. The Purchaser will have the option of purchasing or renting on Lease the newly erected stables, yard and premises nearly adjoining, containing every accommodation for ten horses, with coach-houses and other buildings. The Property is free from land tax and tithe. The whole of the above are now in the occupation of F. J. Siltzer, Esq., and early possession can be arranged for if desired.—For further particulars and cards to view, apply to the Auctioneers, or to JAS. H. DOUGLASS, Solicitor, both of Market Harborough.

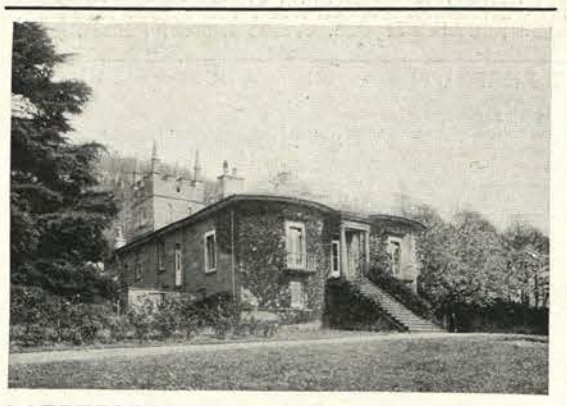
FOR SALE—HEREFORD.—Freehold RESIDENCE, known as "Beechwood," situated on Aylstone Hill; four reception, nine bedrooms, two dressing rooms, two bathrooms; stable, coach-house, walled garden, all in excellent order; with or without six-and-a-half acres of Freehold land adjoining the house.—Apply Rev. G. LEIGH SPENCER, Beechwood; or to J. HUMFRYS, Esq., Solicitor, Bridge Street, Hereford.

THE BOLNEY COURT ESTATE (between Henley on-Thames and Shiplake, including "Bolney Court,") with its delightful grounds, park, islands, and upwards of 1,400 acres of highly valuable residential land, providing building sites of every class.

SIMMONS & SONS beg to announce that they are instructed by the Owners to proceed with the development of this well-known and highly important RIVERSIDE PROPERTY, portions of which have been so successfully SOLD by Public Auction during the last two years. Estate landing places, with magnificent avenue approaches, have been reserved at Shiplake, Bolney Ferry, and Marsh Lock, and the higher parts of the Property commands Thames Valley scenery, unrivalled for its beauty. A few choice sites on the river bank still remain, and the land on the higher ground, including Harpsden Wood, which itself contains nearly 200 acres of beautifully-timbered land, will be divided into lots of any size upwards of one acre. A large portion of the Estate joins the borough boundary of Henley, and would be divided into smaller lots, while at the back portion of the property, which extends to Crowsley Park, affords one or two magnificent residential sites where many acres could be acquired to surround and make complete a high-class residence.—For full particulars, apply to Messrs. SIMMONS & SONS, Estate and Auction Offices, Henley-on-Thames, Reading, and Basingstoke.

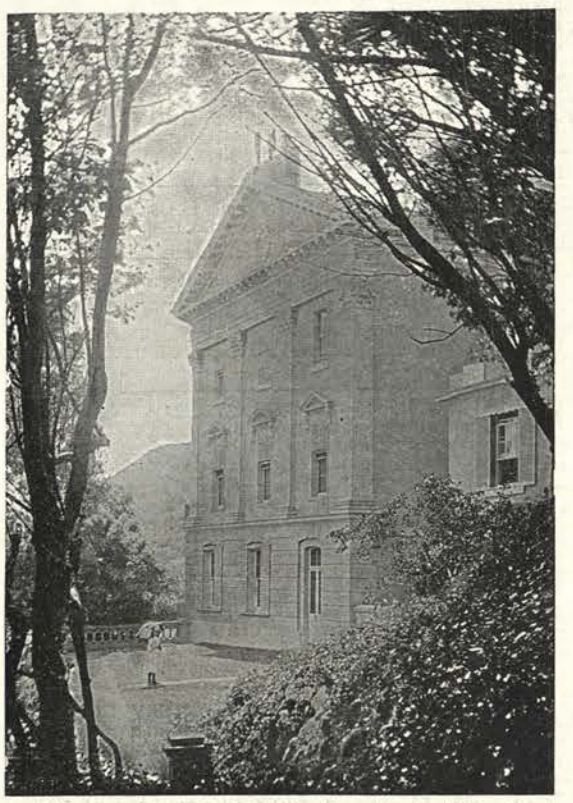
GAME and POULTRY FARM or RABBIT WARREN, 110 acres in a ring fence, and within half-a-mile of Hampstead Norris Station, which Messrs.

JAMES HARRIS & SON will SELL by AUCTION, at the Queen's Hotel, Newbury, on Monday, June 16th, 1902.—Plans and particulars of Messrs. BAILEY & WHITE, Solicitors, Winchester; or of the Auctioneers, Winchester.



HEREFORDSHIRE.—Desirable Freehold RESIDENTIAL and SPORTING ESTATE known as "The Badnage Estate," situate in the parishes of Burghill and Canon Pyon, six miles from Hereford, and within about three miles of two railway stations, including a small but substantially stone-built MANSION known as "The Hermitage," which contains four reception rooms, seven bedrooms, and dressing room, bathroom (fitted with hot and cold water); good stabling for four horses, with loft and man's room over, and two cottages; also a productive garden, with orchard houses. The Mansion has a south aspect, and stands on the slope of a wooded hill, commanding extensive views of the Black Mountains, Malvern Hills and surrounding country, and is approached by two carriage drives. Within easy distance of three packs of hounds; good shooting on the Estate, and fishing in the rivers Wye and Lugg obtainable. The Estate is divided into five farms, with suitable homesteads, containing in all 392a. 3r. 28p. of excellent pasture, arable and fruit growing land, including about 80 acres of wood, with some young timber growing up.—Messrs.

ALFRED AND DEARMAN EDWARDS have been favoured with instructions to SELL by AUCTION, the above desirable Freehold, Residential and Sporting Estate, which will first be offered in one lot, and if not sold, in suitable lots, at the Incorporated Law Society's Rooms, East Street, Hereford, on Wednesday, June 11th, 1902, at 3 for 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon.—Particulars, plans, and conditions of Sale may be obtained from Messrs. BRANDRELL, RANDALL & WHITMORE, Solicitors, 10, King's Bench Walk, Temple, London, E.C.; Messrs. APPERLEY & BROWN, East Street, Hereford; or the Auctioneers, Corn Exchange Offices, Leominster, and 67, Newmarket Street, Hereford. Joseph Griffiths will show the Property.



THIS desirable PROPERTY is situate in one of the finest positions in Torquay, close to the shore of Torbay, but at a sufficient elevation, facing nearly south, well sheltered from north and east, and commanding extensive and unsurpassed views. The accommodation consists of outer and inner entrance halls, with encaustic tiled floors, dining room 23ft. by 15ft. 10in., divided by sliding doors from breakfast room 16ft. 11in. by 14ft., lofty and handsome double drawing room 24ft. by 22ft. 9in., and 17ft. 6in. by 14ft. 3in., with folding doors between; seven principal bed and dressing rooms, seven secondary and servants' rooms, five w.c.'s, large housekeeper's room, servants' hall, butler's pantry and bedroom, good kitchen, with close and open ranges and gas stove, larder, scullery, etc.

The private grounds are well shrubbed and very picturesque, and a right of joint user over extensive adjoining grounds, which include two tennis lawns, appertain to the property, while on the beach below every facility is provided for bathing, boating, and fishing. From the private grounds of the property there is direct access to the adjoining beautiful Lincombe Gardens, of more than 20 acres, belonging to the Corporation of Torquay.—For further particulars apply to "X.Y.Z.," c/o Advertisement Department, GEO. NEWNES, LTD., Southampton Street, Strand, W.C

FORCED SALE BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

MODERN WELL-BUILT HOTEL, with magnificent stabling for over 50 horses, in Mid-Devon, on the borders of Dartmoor, and adjoining a railway station. The Property contains seventeen bedrooms, five reception rooms, and offices, and is fully Furnished; in addition there are about 140 acres of land, including woods and plantations, and golf links could be constructed at a small cost. The Property is situated in charming country, about 900ft. above sea level, with lovely views, and in a good centre for hunting, fishing, and shooting. With these attractions a good class hotel trade could be developed, or the Property is very suitable for a hydropathic or scholastic establishment. Price to an immediate buyer, £5,800, and a large portion of the purchase money can remain on mortgage.—FRANK T. MERCER, Moorgate Court, Moorgate Street, London, E.C.

DERSINGHAM (Norfolk, next to the Sandringham House Estate, the residence of the King, half-a-mile from station, G.E.R., a high-class Property as to position, neighbourhood, and communication).—To be SOLD, by Private Contract, DERSINGHAM HILL HOUSE ESTATE, a good Family Residence, and 195a. or. 37p. of pasture and arable land, with coachman's cottage, carriage house and stables, also model farm-buildings. Present tenancy from year to year. Very fine view to the sea, and over the Sandringham Woods from the house and garden; shooting rights; eight miles from King's Lynn and Hunstanton; railway station in the parish, trains direct to London.—For further particulars and plan, apply to Messrs. BELOE & BELOE, Solicitors, King's Lynn.

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SALE ON TUESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1902.

BERKS (Holyport; between Maidenhead and Windsor, and about one mile from the river at Bray).—Messrs. LAWRENCE & SON will SELL by AUCTION on Tuesday, the 24th June, 1902, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, E.C., at 2 o'clock precisely, the exceedingly picturesque old Family RESIDENCE, known as "Chuffs," standing in its own well-matured grounds of about eight acres, together with the small farmery, and parklands of about 20 acres studded with ornamental and other timber trees. The above charming Freehold Property will be first offered as a whole, and if not disposed of, will then be submitted in thirteen lots. Also well removed from the above, twelve substantially erected Freehold Cottages.—Particulars, with plans, may be obtained of Messrs. FRESHFIELDS, New Bank Buildings, 31, Old Jewry, London, E.C.; at the Mart; and of the Auctioneers, Marlow, Bucks.

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SOMERSET (near BATH).

£3,000 will secure a capital PASTURE FARM extending to about 110 acres, with an attractive medium sized Residence. The property is splendidly situate and enclosed in a ring fence. The house contains five or six bedrooms, two reception rooms, large hall, and good offices. It could easily be enlarged at a moderate outlay if required. The outbuildings are in good order and very complete.—Agents, HINDLEY & WILKINSON, as above.

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SOMERSET (one-and-a-half miles from main line station).—For SALE, an imposing stone-built RESIDENCE, occupying a high and healthy position amidst finely-timbered grounds extending to about 21 acres. There are twelve bed and dressing rooms, bath, and three fine reception rooms, full-sized billiard room; stabling for five; extensive and mature pleasure grounds, small farmery.—Agents, HINDLEY & WILKINSON, as above.

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EXMOUTH.—To be LET or SOLD, a very attractive RESIDENCE, situate two-and-a-half miles from Exmouth. The House commands a beautiful view of the sea and River Exe. There is good hunting and sea bathing to be had, the sea being distant about two-and-a-half miles. The following is the accommodation: 25 bedrooms, bathroom, six reception rooms, billiard room, magnificent staircase in white marble, and balustrade in Devonshire marble. There is good garden, glasshouses, etc. Price £50,000.

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Particulars of other Houses, etc., may be had upon application.

SOUTH DEVON (in a beautiful part).—A stone-built RESIDENCE, in its own grounds of about 23 acres, with two approaches from foreshore; magnificent sea and inland views; ornamental gardens, two tennis grounds, excellent kitchen gardens; coach-house and stabling; seventeen bedrooms, bath, four reception rooms, billiard room; entrance lodge. Price £10,000, open to offer; or Residence and portion of land would be LET.—FORCE & SONS, F.A.I., Estate Agents, Exeter.

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MESSRS. BRUTON, KNOWLES & CO. beg to announce the SALES by AUCTION of the following FREEHOLD ESTATES:—

Wednesday, June 11th, 1902, at the Swan Hotel, Tewkesbury, at 3 for 4 o'clock.
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By direction of the Trustees of Mr. Henry Hone, deceased.

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WESTFIELD HOUSE, Longford, a charming Residential Property on the outskirts of the city of Gloucester, comprising a well-built Residence, containing four spacious reception and sixteen bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, etc.; standing in the midst of extensive and tastefully laid out pleasure grounds, with walled kitchen garden, stabling, and entrance lodge, in all two-and-a-half acres.—Solicitors, Messrs. HAINES & SUMNER, Gloucester.

Saturday, June 21st, 1902, at the Star Hotel, Worcester, at 2 for 3 o'clock.

By direction of the Trustees of Richard Allen, Esq., deceased.

The FIELDS FARM, Eckington, five minutes from station on main M.Ry. line, six from Tewkesbury, and twelve from Cheltenham and Worcester. It comprises an excellent moderate-sized Residence of pleasing elevation, containing three reception and seven bedrooms, bathroom, etc.; a first-class set of buildings, six cottages, and a level tract of superior pasture and arable land, orcharding, and Avon meadow land, in all about 232 acres, in one of the most picturesque parts of the country.

The LOWER END FARM, Eckington, comprising a comfortable House, ample buildings, two cottages, and 146 acres of exceptionally good pasture, arable, and Avon meadow land and pasture, orcharding.—Solicitors, Messrs. BRETHERTON and BOUGHTON, Gloucester. Particulars, plans, and conditions of Sale may be had of the Solicitors mentioned; or of the Auctioneers, Albion Chambers, Gloucester.

TO BE LET, for a short term of years, Furnished or partly Furnished, CREWE HALL, Cheshire. The House which mainly dates from James I., and was restored by E. Barry after a fire in 1866, stands retired in a park of over 700 acres, one-and-three-quarter miles from Crewe Station, with an unequalled train service to all parts. It contains eight reception rooms, four other sitting rooms, 26 principal bedrooms, and dressing rooms, four bathrooms, and offices, which have lately been remodelled on the most modern system, and is provided with the newest sanitation, with electric light and gas, and a private P.O. telephone. There is good stabling for 27 horses, and the best meets of the Cheshire and North Stafford hounds are within easy reach. The gardens and glasshouses are extensive, and the grounds, which are of great beauty, are ornamented by a lake of 61 acres. Land, pasture, or tillage may be let with the House at the option of the tenant. The shooting of the coverts and over an Estate of about 4,150 acres, to which other shootings might be added to this area, would be included in the Lease.—Apply to W. MCCRACKEN, Englese House, Crewe.

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GARROD TURNER & SON will SELL by AUCTION, at the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, on Tuesday, June 10th, 1902, at 4 o'clock (by direction of the Trustees of the Chantry Estate).

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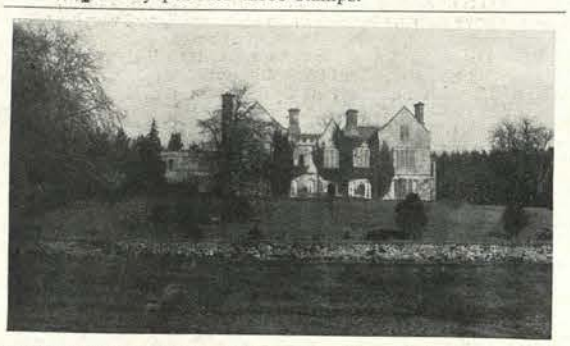

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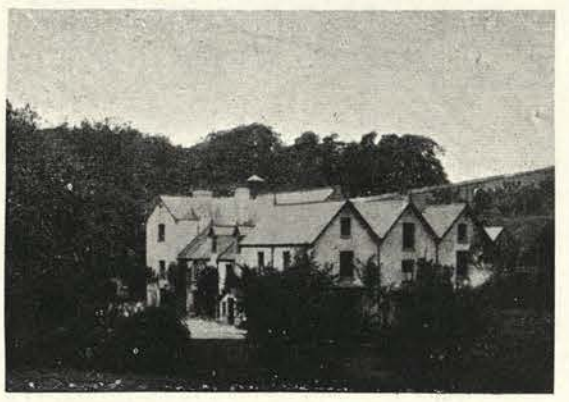

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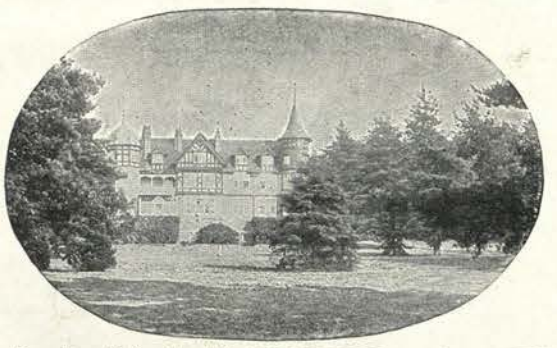

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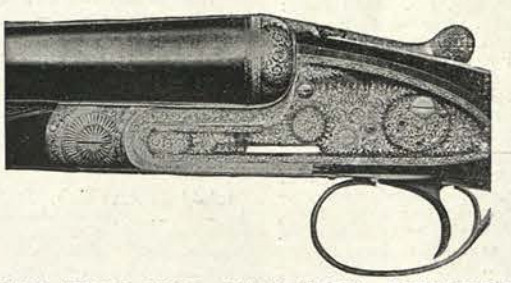

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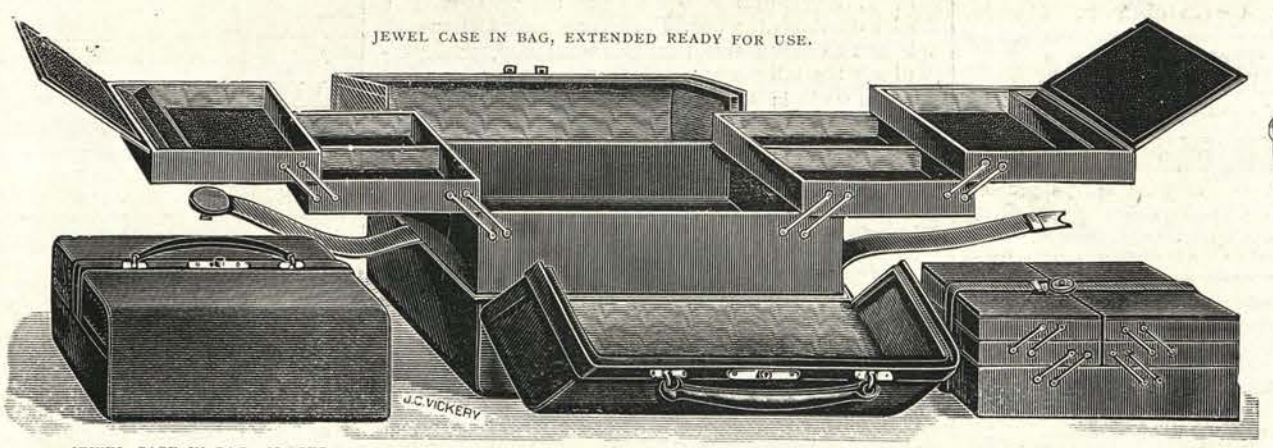

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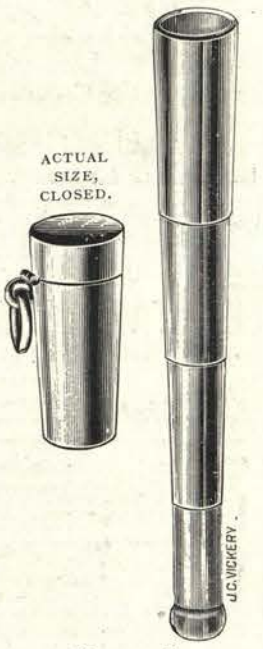

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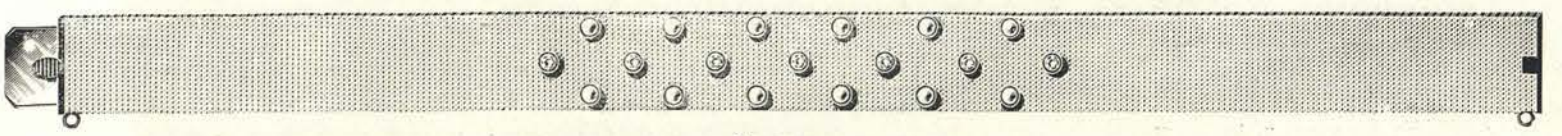

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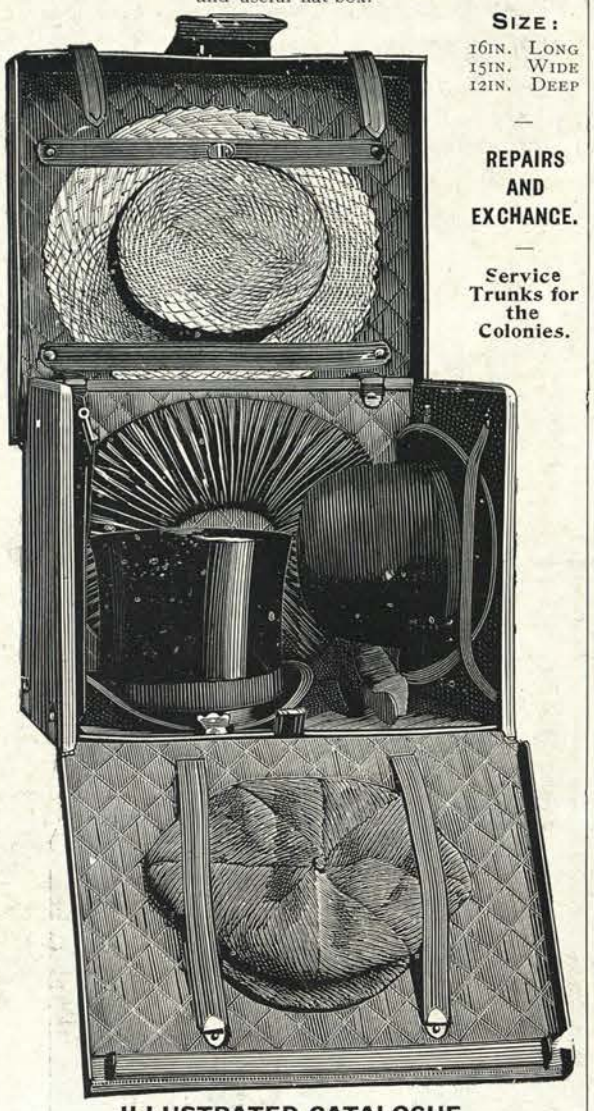

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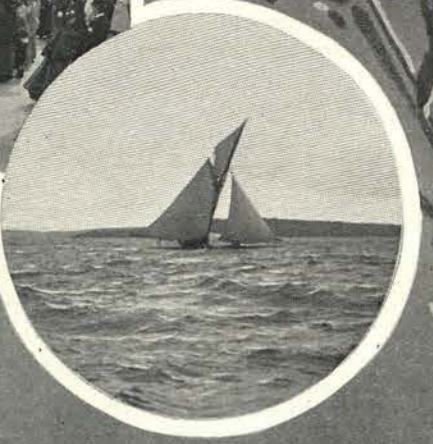

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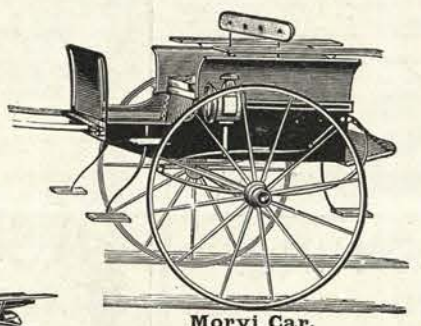

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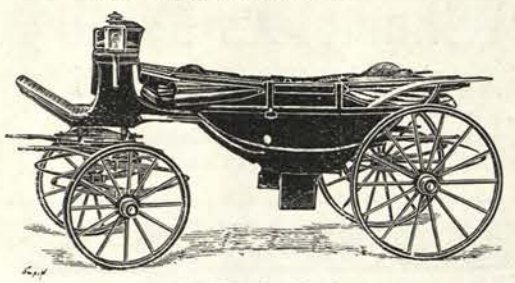

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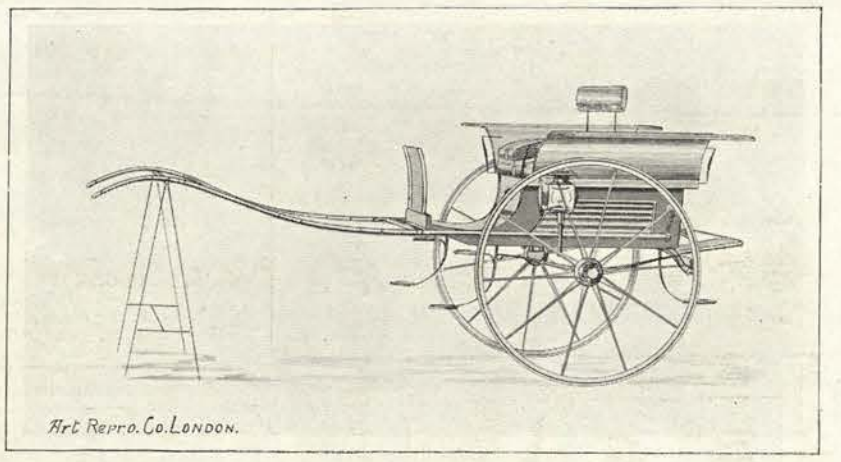

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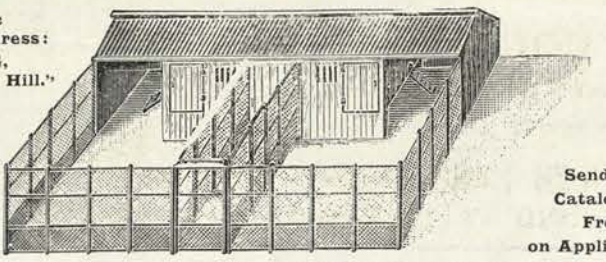

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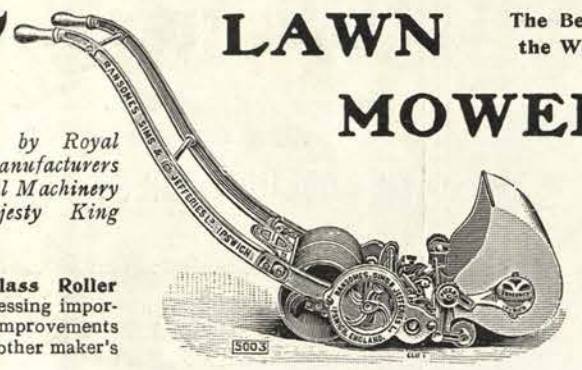

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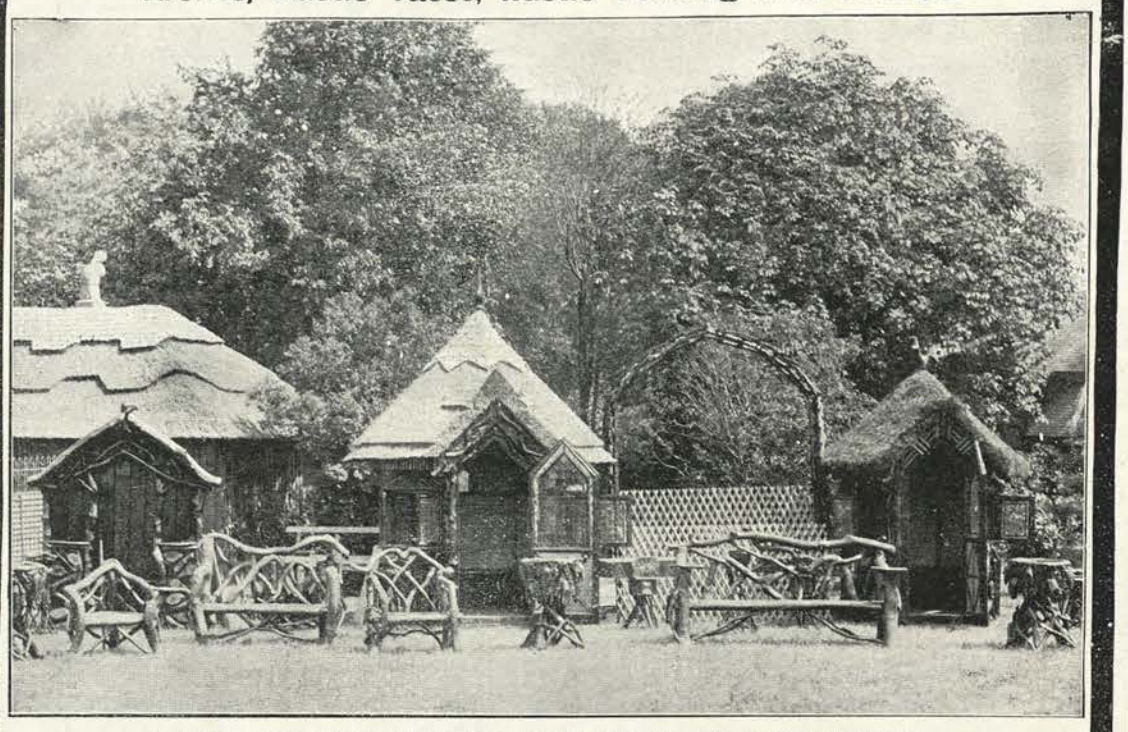

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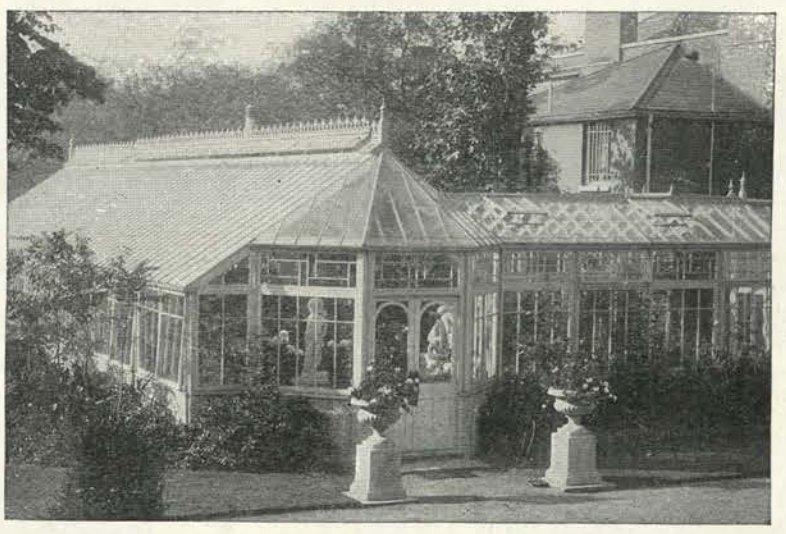

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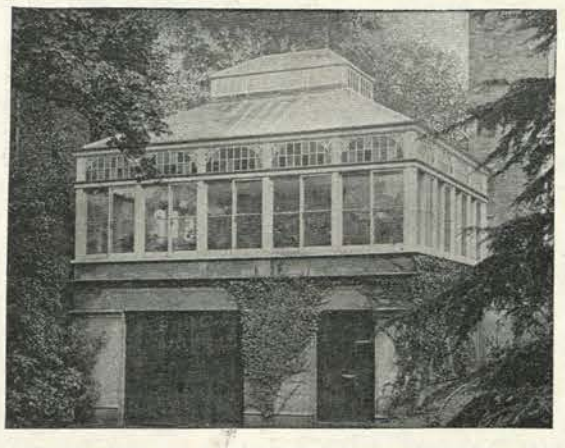

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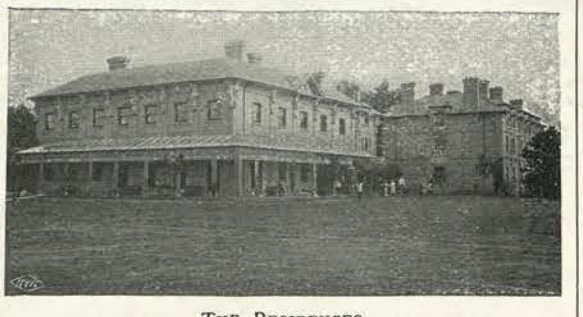

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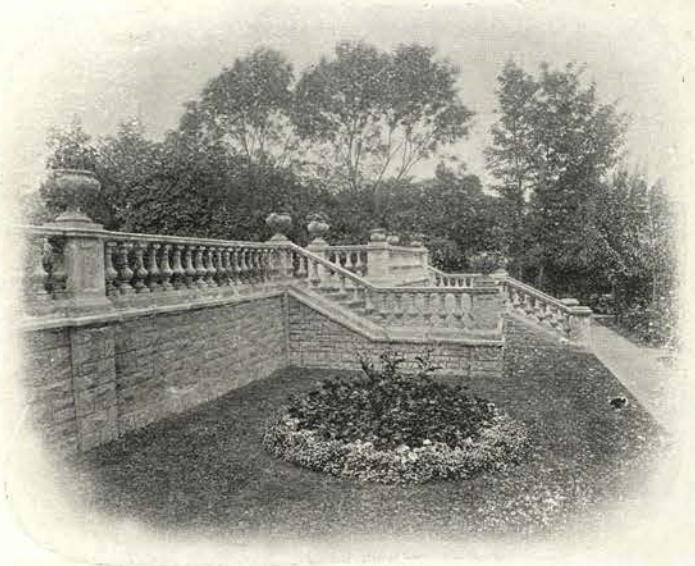

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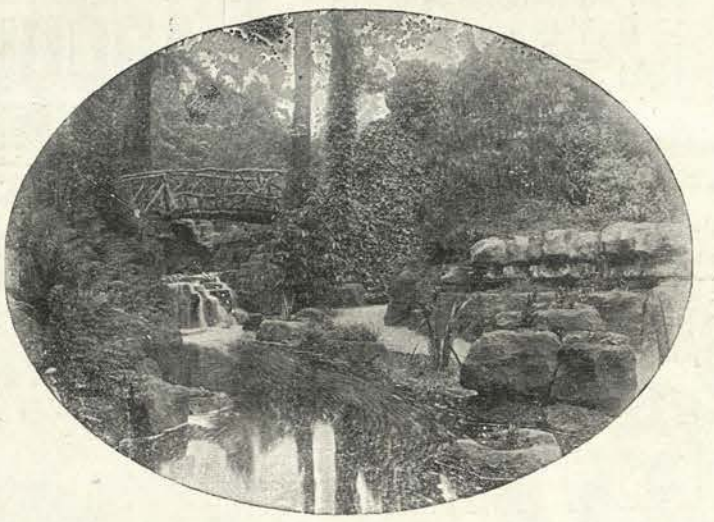

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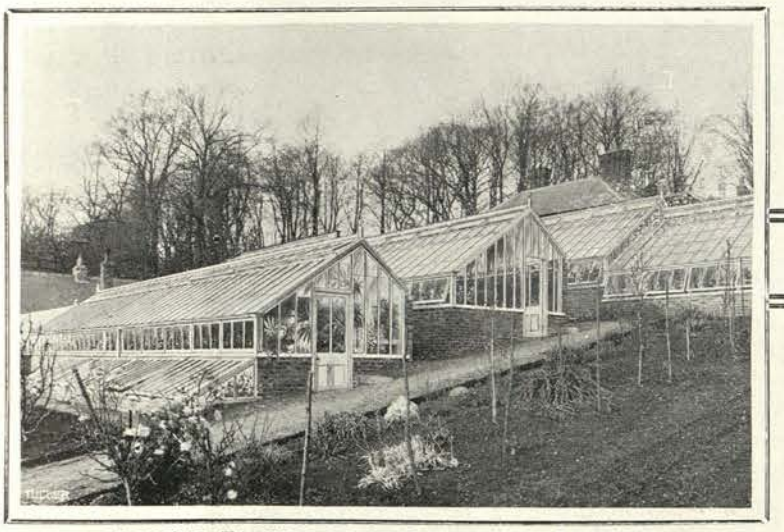

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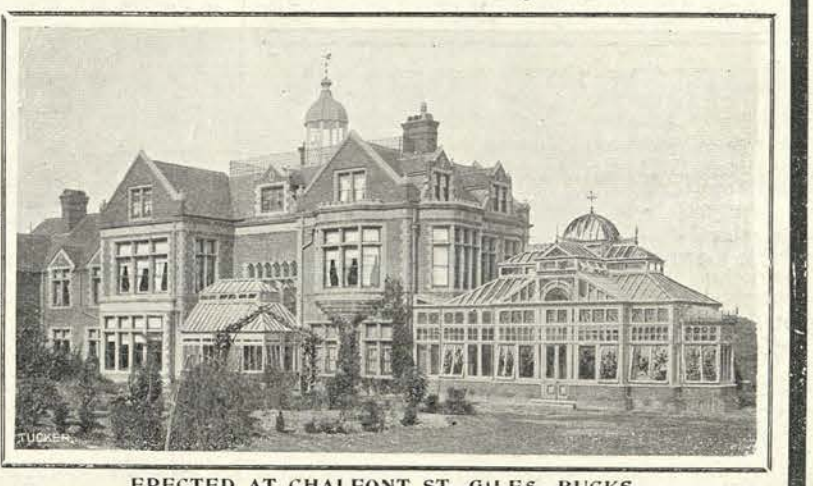

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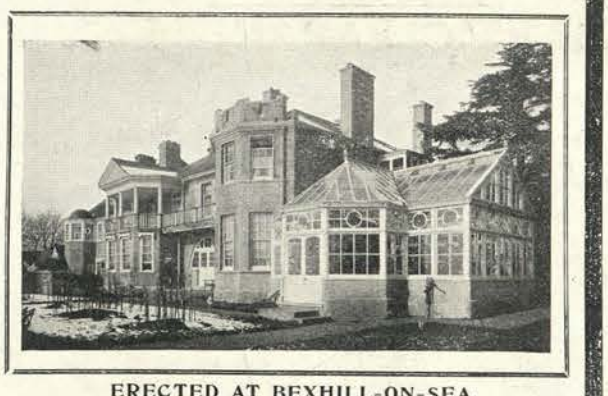

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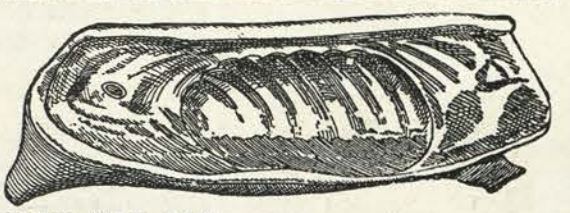

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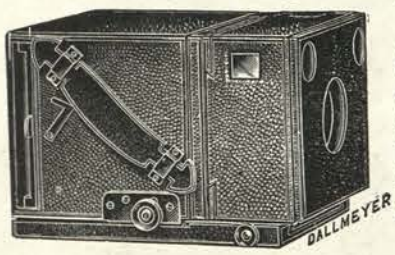

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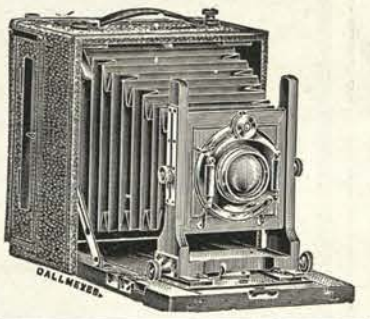

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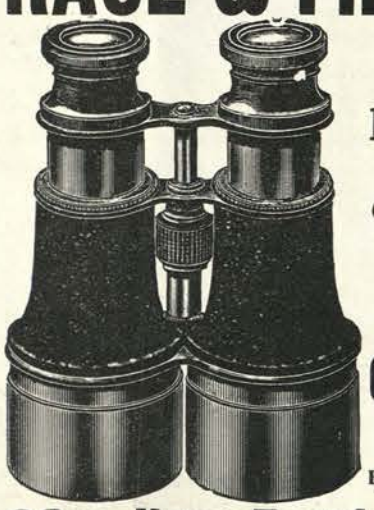

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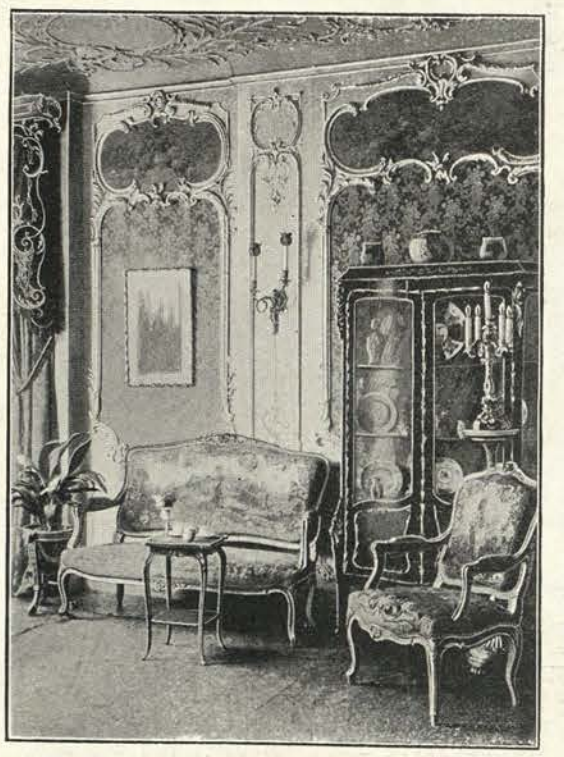

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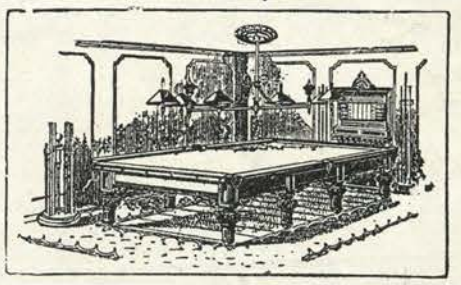

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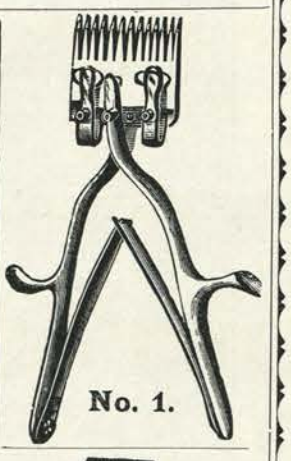

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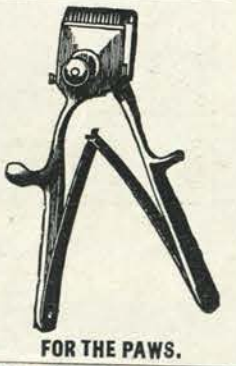

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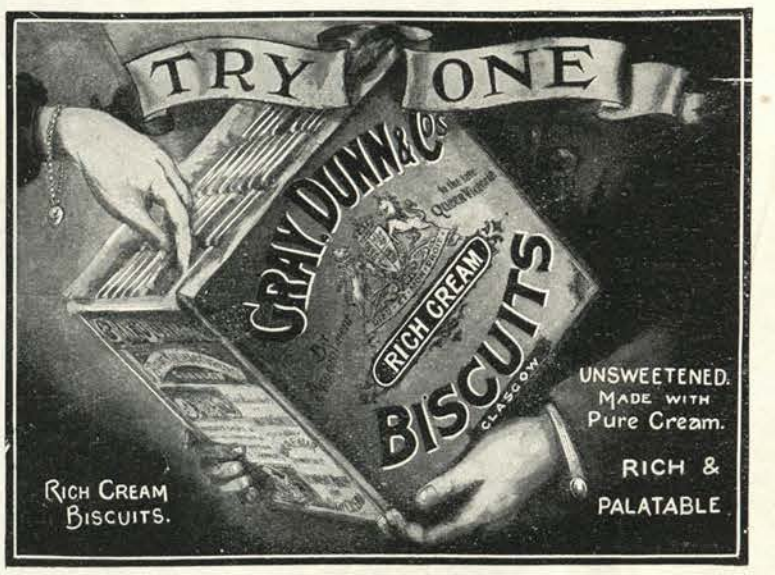

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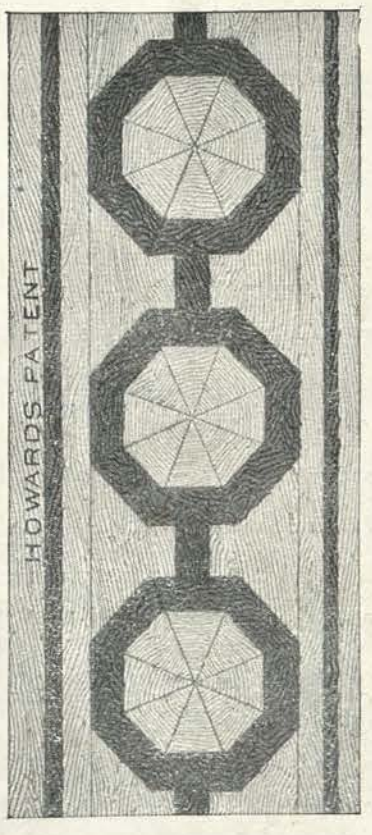

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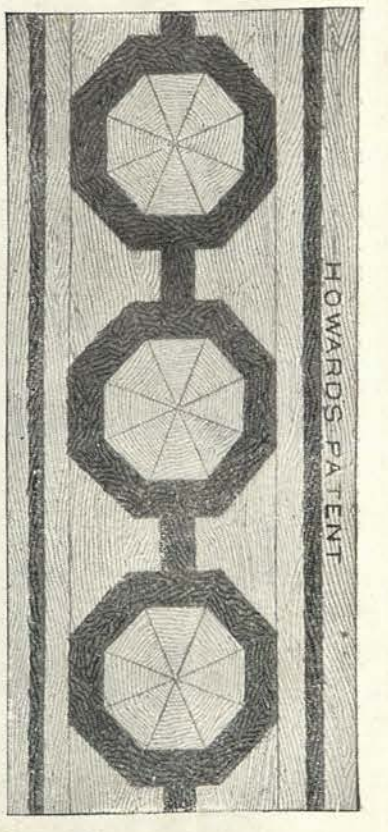

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AFTER THE WAR.

AFTER two years and a-half of continuous fighting it was only to be expected that the news of peace, based as it was upon a surrender of the enemy, should have occasioned much rejoicing. Everything combines to make the intelligence welcome. It comes on the eve of the Coronation, and will be accepted as a good omen for the reign of Edward VII. No one who witnesses the pageant will be disturbed, as otherwise must have been the case, with a consciousness that even in the midst of rejoicings cannon might be booming on the veldt, and a dear friend or relation exposed to the sniper's bullet. The terms, too, are satisfactory. While they constitute a surrender, and not a treaty of peace, and secure the objects for which we fought, they also reflect the moderation and magnanimity of the English nation. We disarm the Boers and insist that "all guns, rifles, and munitions" shall be handed over, yet we allow the carrying of such weapons as are necessary for protection. Prisoners of war are to be set at liberty on taking the oath of allegiance as British subjects. In this reasonable spirit all the articles are drawn up. No indemnity is claimed and no war tax is to be imposed. The first would, of course, be impossible, since the Transvaal and the Orange River Colonies are now incorporated as portions of King Edward's dominion beyond the seas, and it would have been cruel to tax an impoverished country. Instead, we are going to spend three millions in restocking Boer farms. The people also are to be allowed to use their own language in schools and Courts of Law if they wish to, and this is far better than attempting to obliterate it. English must in time swallow up the Taal, but any attempt to force the process can only result in stiffening the resolution to adhere to it. The articles show a firmness tempered by an enlightened mercy eminently creditable to those who drew them up. Probably the only people thoroughly dissatisfied with them are those fiery patriots at the Hague whose business has been that of "lying abroad" for the benefit of their country. They have been shamed in the face of all Europe. The homely burgher who fought not from any political motive, but only from a blind and not wholly reprehensible devotion to his native land, is glad to find he may return to his homestead, where he may in peace cultivate his acres by day and in the evening smoke on his stoep.

But while regarding with indulgence the outbreak of rejoicing, the sober and practical Englishmen who have made the Empire what it is will at once begin to ask what has to be done with this new territory. It has been acquired at immense expense. Over two hundred millions sterling has been swallowed up in the war, and that in itself is nothing compared to the outlay of life and limb. True, this represents only one side of the account. We were fighting for our hold upon South Africa as well as for ascendency over the Boers, and we have won it. Unless another period of purblindness comes upon English statesmanship, it will be long before anyone is again in a position to challenge our paramountcy. The war, too, has welded the Empire into one, and shown other nations what they have to face if they provoke a quarrel. More, still, it has infused new vitality into our means of warfare, grown rusty with long peace, and it has made men of the thousands who have received their fire-baptism on the veldt. These are advantages not lightly to be set aside. They bring the Empire out of the war greater and stronger than it was on entering it. And the unhappy nation of peasants betrayed into fighting us must also gain in the long run. There was little good in the sleep and ignorance of their happy valley. War, dreadful in itself, has once more proved to be a civilising agency. It has at least caused the Transvaal and the Orange River Colonies to be known to the ends of the earth, and will attract to them capital and enterprise. There can be no relapsing into the old state of things. Activity will replace sloth, and competition make idleness impossible. Boers who have been through the war will henceforth look upon the world with very different eyes. They have been initiated into the ways of the great world beyond their farms, and in the future as British subjects may be expected to improve upon the lessons they have received. Nor will it really be any check upon their energies to find that instead of being members of a paltry State they are citizens of the greatest Empire in the world.

The practical work that awaits doing gives point to these general reflections. It will take some time to get the resources of the country ready for development. At present, perhaps, people are too intent upon its mineral riches. But though these are far from being exhausted, they should not be allowed to bulk in public estimation so as to exclude others. For some time to come railway construction must form a considerable industry by itself, and along with railways, factories and workshops will have to be built. Most of all, however, will it be necessary to develop the immense agricultural capacity of the new territories. The Boer population is quite insufficient for the task, and there is something in the suggestion of Mr. Seddon that New Zealanders should be brought over. It is a matter of Imperial importance that natives of Great Britain or of our older Colonies, men at least of Anglo-Saxon blood, should be encouraged to go to the district. There is no surer means of finally quenching the animosities aroused by the war than that of kindling new activities. No doubt the best of all agencies, the enterprise of individuals working for their own ends, will ensure a certain development, but statesmanship also will have a task to perform. All this will not be done in a day. Though the terms of the settlement have been agreed upon, the carrying of them out will be a long and tedious process. Commissions will have to be appointed, claims examined, and rights established. It would be absurd to expect a country to leap right out of the throes of war into the high tide of prosperity. Yet the latter is clearly attainable if set about with sense and wisdom and vigour. The soldier has played his part, so has the statesman, and both have been steadily backed by a country that has shown extremely little difference of opinion. Now it is the turn of the merchant and business man to step in, and should he do his part equally well, Boer and Briton alike may have cause to look back with satisfaction upon the struggle now happily ended.

The brief and dignified announcement made to the House of Commons augurs well for the harmony to follow. Mr. Balfour set a fine example by avoiding any trace of triumph or exultation in his colourless statement, and Mr. Campbell-Bannerman congratulated the Government in terms to which no exception can be taken. Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords was equally dignified, and Lord Tweedmouth and Lord Rosebery replied in the same tone as the Liberal leader in the House of Commons. For the rest, Mr. Balfour's hint about going on quietly with the business of the House was in the right spirit. As in times of disaster the country never showed itself unduly hopeless or depressed, so in the hour of triumph it would be undignified for it to give way to feelings of elation. The wise and wholesome course is to go steadily on with the work in hand.

"REPUTATIONS RECONSIDERED" might pass for the title of the next chapter—or rather the appendix—of the Boer War. Africa has always been recognised as the testing-place of merit, and it is interesting to ask who comes out of it with added lustre. Lord Roberts easily takes first place. He went out when our fortunes were at their lowest, he conceived a delightfully simple plan for relieving the besieged garrisons, and in carrying it out he broke the back of the conspiracy. Recently there has been evinced in some quarters a tendency to speak against "Bobs," though his bitterest enemy does not deny that he shines most where a general ought to shine, viz., in the battlefield. Therefore in the most casual review of recent history to him a most important place must be assigned. It can be said of him that every task he has been set to accomplish has been brilliantly achieved, and higher praise no man could bestow.

Next to "Bobs," and scarcely in an inferior place, comes that strong contrast to him, the iron and inflexible Lord Kitchener. Public instinct, that seldom goes far astray, credits him with those thorough measures that ultimately disheartened the enemy. The "drive," a mode of warfare based on mathematical principles, and leaving nothing or next to nothing to chance, was eminently characteristic of the man. Probably in this way he is the most typical living embodiment of the modern spirit. No believer in mere luck, he works out his campaigns in the closet, bestows infinite care on the details, and brings forth the result like an answer to some problem in mathematics. Lord Kitchener has most decidedly added to his laurels in South Africa. He has also to some extent destroyed the common belief in his extreme severity. His campaign has been marked by uncommon humanity and a rigorous justice to all. If his was the head that drew up the articles of settlement, he is to be congratulated no less on his moderation than his firmness.

Of the men holding slightly inferior rank, there can be no doubt but that the first place is due to General French, whose brilliant achievements began before the investment of Ladysmith and ended only with the war. His reputation is not reconsidered, but made. There is not a country in Europe wherein General French has not been pointed to as the model of a cavalry officer, and the country will be very disappointed indeed if his achievements are not worthily recognised. No one can say how much the success of the war was at every stage due to the ceaseless activity and splendidly executed operations of General French. But though the names of Roberts, Kitchener, and French stand out most boldly, there are many others who have gained greatly in public estimation. It is sufficient to mention General White, whose stubborn defence of Ladysmith will ever win for him respect in military circles. A dozen others come to the end of one's pen, but it would be unfair to mention one without naming all.

But for the constitutional inability of a contemporary to refrain from vainglorious boasting as to the manner in which it obtained what purported to be special information, but might very well have been merely the result of sagacious inference, touching the peace negotiations, we might have credited that contemporary with sagacity. But now the cat has been let out of the bag. The reason why our contemporary was able to "scoop" other newspapers, as they say in the United States, was that it descended to trickery at which other papers would hesitate. It hoaxed the Censors by bogus business telegrams. Here is a sample cut out from its own columns: "Regarding purchase gold farm Paxfontein all necessary parties to contract now Pretoria whither Alf gone get better price have every reason believe vendors wish to sell." This was very distinctly not playing the game. It may be said that the Censors ought to have seen through the artifice. But then they are accustomed to correspondents who do play the game. Forewarned is forearmed, and the Censors will know better another time. Nay, more, we shall be surprised if this journal does not have to pay for its "enterprise" in other ways.

The Colonial Club, which was opened this week in Dover Street, is the result of a most excellent scheme of Miss Violet Brooke-Hunt and some others. It is intended for the use of non-commissioned officers and men of the Colonial troops coming to London for the Coronation. Very wisely no public appeal has been made for funds; the money required has been obtained privately. Mr. Chamberlain heartily approved of the scheme and promised £500 officially, and the rest of the funds necessary have been got together easily. The club is thoroughly comfortable and well equipped, and its first and greatest rule is that there are no rules. Every member, and every Colonial trooper or non-commissioned officer is a member, will be treated like a gentleman, and will be expected to so behave, and rules and regulations are considered superfluous for a club which is only to exist for a few weeks.

Professor Dawkins, lecturing on Saturday at Owens College, said that the accounts which have appeared in the papers recently about the age of Stonehenge are mostly erroneous. One account said that it dated from the time when this country was a part of the mainland of Europe, and roamed over by the elephant, the lion, and the bear. Another argument fixed it to the polished stone age, because stone implements were found in excavation, which proves nothing, for they were used even in the bronze age. Stonehenge was built by the people who used bronze implements. If that is doubted, glance at the number of mounds around it which contained them. The worshippers were buried largely near their holy shrine, for it was the Westminster Abbey of the period, and all the other stone circles in Britain were but as outlying chapels.

Everything which can be rehearsed in connection with the Coronation is being rehearsed, and it is to be hoped that there will be no such comic *contretemps* as happened in Spain. The Duke of Connaught was to adorn the King of Spain with the Order of the Garter. The Duke made his speech, the grandees and the King were properly impressed, the culminating moment came, and the Duke of Connaught was to buckle on the garter, when it was discovered that Alfonso XIII. was wearing trousers! A young King must not look like a navvy ready for heavy work, so he and his lords in waiting had to disappear hurriedly and change to knee-breeches. Luckily the Spaniards are a grave people.

It is said by *Le Figaro* that M. Deutsch, the giver of the balloon prize, hopes to establish on the Basse Seine a French Henley, "which is to rival in all respects the British prototype. The regattas are to be largely international." As to that, all we have to say is "the more the merrier." What is more, M. Deutsch is welcome to all the international races he can collect on the Seine, for, truth to tell, international contests are none too popular in England, or at any rate at Henley. They spoil the amenities of the pleasant river-side regatta, and make the races too much of a business. So then be it hoped, most sincerely, that the report of the project of M. Deutsch, the balloonist or encourager of balloons, is not all gas.

That the beautiful edelweiss is gradually disappearing from off the lower slopes of the Alps is a fact of which all visitors to Switzerland are well aware, it being now quite a notable feat to discover a clump of the soft, star-like blossoms within reach of one's alpenstock. The cause of this is, of course, the same that has ravaged our woods around London of the primrose and other favourite flowers, their popularity being their doom. The Prefect of Savoy has now, however, issued a notice to the effect that all persons will be prosecuted who are found collecting the flowers or uprooting the plants in the department of Savoy or in French territory. The new regulations which were received from Paris protect also the Alpine rose and other plants peculiar to the Alps, which are ruthlessly torn up by tourists, or by natives to sell as souvenirs. It is only to be regretted that there are no such laws in Switzerland itself to protect the beautiful Alpine flowers that are becoming rarer every year, it being stated that whereas edelweiss could have been found a few years ago at an altitude of 1,000ft., it is not now possible to find it blooming in its wild state below 3,000ft.

A very curious incident took place lately at Ballingarry, County Limerick, where a badger took possession of the house of a farmer named John Casey while the family were absent. It had taken up its position under a bed, where it had evidently slept comfortably during the night without being noticed, and the visitor was not discovered until the next morning, when it

was found enjoying a quiet nap on the kitchen hearth. None of the family would approach the animal, until a dexterous neighbour was called in, and succeeded in lassoing him and dragging him out. The badger is more common in Ireland than is generally supposed, but it is most unusual for such a shy animal to venture near a house.

Treacherous pitches have gone some way during the present season in the direction of stopping cricket matches from going on for ever, by reason of the superiority of the batting to the bowling. The tendency, indeed, has rather been for matches, especially the most important of them all, to be put an end to altogether simply because the grounds have been absolutely unfit for play. Still the stone-walling of which Lord Granville Gordon speaks with so much bitter contempt in his amusing reminiscences will continue in the future as it has done in the past. In these circumstances there is much to be said from the spectators' point of view for the scheme which has been tried experimentally by Dr. Grace and Mr. Townsend. It is beautifully simple. Take two elevens, allow to each of them an innings of, say, 130min., if it can keep at the wickets so long; then the highest score wins. In a match conducted on these principles, a Jessop or a Thornton would be worth a whole county of Shrewsburys, and the game would certainly be well worth watching. It would be carried out, in fact, upon the lines of an obsolete club at Winchester, which was called the "Slog and Barter." Barter, it may be remarked, was the name of a certain Warden, famous for his half volleys. The batsman, who, to use the old-fashioned word, "blocked" two successive balls was out *ipso facto*. Of course, this kind of game was not real cricket; nor, for that matter, is stone-walling, and of the two the former is infinitely the better fun.

PEACE.

What means the clangour and the clashing bell,
The shouting in the street?
Peace, it is Peace that we desired so well,
Long-tarrying Peace we greet.

The swords shall all be rested in their sheaths,
The fuse no longer burn.
Prepare the olive and the laurel wreaths,
The soldiers will return.

Nay, not them all, for some lie in the veldt
Athwart the beaten track,
Long-resting from the blows received and dealt,
Peace cannot give them back.

But the wind, blowing where they fighting fell,
Will now no more repeat
The crack of Mauser rifle, shot or shell,
That broke into their sleep.

Merely the drowsy hum of wilding bees
That drone from flower to flower,
The lowing of the cattle on the leas,
Wearying the milking hour.

Merely the sound of reapers reaping corn,
Of maidens at their play,
Down to their shadowy river will be borne
At the closing of the day.

A. H. B.

Every reader of COUNTRY LIFE and probably every Briton will rejoice in the announcement that an international agreement for the protection of birds useful to agriculture was signed in Paris in March of this year. Sweden, Belgium, France, Greece, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Monaco, Lichtenstein, and Luxemburg all are signatories to the agreement, which thus is seen to cover a very considerable area on the map of Europe. The insectivorous birds are naturally those that are put under special protection, and all interference with them or their nests appears to be absolutely prohibited at all seasons of the year alike. Protection is extended to owls and nightjars, which prey on the vermin and the insects of nocturnal habits. It is a measure which, if it be enforced, will save an immense number of the migratory birds which now are taken in such places as their favourite passes through the Pyrenees. Unfortunately, Italy does not seem to have joined the band of mercy and agricultural utility, an exception very much to be regretted in view of the great numbers of small birds that are caught and eaten by the Italians. There is much, however, to be grateful for, and we may expect that the song of birds soon will be far less conspicuous by absence than it has so often been noticed to be in the continental woods and gardens.

The Oxford Eights began in wind and rain, but finished on the last three days of the racing under conditions as perfect as could be wished. The most important change was that which put University College, for the first time after many years, again at the head of the river. Once there, the position of the leading boat never was threatened, but there was very good racing just below, Magdalen chasing New hard, and being in turn hotly pressed by Balliol. Of the rest of the racing, the most interesting features were the upward progresses of Christ Church and of Wadham. To criticise the rowing generally, it is very certain that while the stroke still is rowed well through, there is not the same grip of the water at the beginning of the stroke, nor the same life and sharpness at the beginning, that there used to be in the Oxford rowing of some years ago. Rowing is so much a matter of imitation and of tradition that it is difficult, no doubt, for those who have been under the constant influence of a gradual change to notice it, but the difference is very striking to the critical eye that comes fresh to its consideration.

English sea-fisheries no doubt stand in an anomalous position, being without any separate board to represent and control them, whereas the Scottish sea-fisheries have their own representative and directive board. English fishery returns appear only in the general records of the Board of Trade. The desirability of reinstituting the Fishery Department of the Board was the principal object of discussion at the recent meeting of the executive of the National Sea-Fisheries Protection Association, over which Lord Heneage presided at the Fishmongers' Hall. Several members of Parliament were present. There is a general feeling that our Legislature is not treating with sufficient gravity the questions connected with an industry and food supply so important to the nation as its sea-fisheries, and the presence of these representatives is therefore the more gratifying. Some protests were made against the abandonment of the Bill for the Prevention of Sale of Immature Fish. The only decision at which the meeting seems to have arrived was in the nature of relegating the questions discussed to a Sea-Fisheries Conference to be held at Hull in October of this year. The locality chosen for the conference is a good one, being in the centre of the East Coast fishing ports and also convenient for the attendance of the representatives of other nations interested in the North Sea fisheries, should any of them wish to be present.

Sir J. Blundell Maple has lately made some rarely practical suggestions, in a letter to the *Times*, for encouraging the breeding of horses for military purposes. "If the question were taken in hand by business men, and the whole thing run on business lines, there is no reason why the United Kingdom should not produce every horse that is required." These are the words which he proceeds to prove with reasons, in the first place showing that at the age at which Government now buys horses of the farmers, that is, from four years old to five, it does not pay to breed them for sale at anything like the present prices. He calculates £42 10s. as the cost of breeding a horse of the stamp required and keeping it to the end of the three year old season; and his proposition is that the Government should buy three year olds in the autumn of each year at a minimum of £35 and a maximum of £45 for each horse. A great point in the argument is that in fixing a minimum you give a strong encouragement to the farmers by removing a good deal of the present uncertainty. It is a scheme, as Sir J. Blundell Maple admits, that could not come into immediate operation because of the absence of three year olds of the right type, but he argues that if the Government advertised its intentions on these lines encouragement would be given sufficient to produce such horses in numbers within a few years, and the result would be a great benefit to the farmer without imposing any great expense on the exchequer. The suggestion is, that the Minister of Agriculture might co-operate in the matter with the War Office.

By a singularly pathetic coincidence, the *Garden* of May 31st contained a highly interesting letter signed "H. R. Dugmore, The Mount, Parkstone," and on the same day the body of the writer of that letter was buried at Bournemouth. Hardly ever has there been a more striking illustration of the truth of the saying that in the midst of life we are in death. On the Wednesday afternoon Mr. Dugmore, like the Prince and Princess of Wales and a group of their happy children, was engaged in delighted contemplation of the bluejackets from the Excellent, as they illustrated with a jury-mast the process of rescuing mariners from the wreck of a ship by the use of a rocket and a breeches buoy. The men tried to be too smart, and one guy was let go too soon, with the result that the heavy spar swung round and fell with a crash into the middle of the spectators on the right-hand side of the hall. Nobody except Mr. Dugmore was injured, but he sustained a terrible blow, and on being taken to the hospital attached to the Tournament he was found to be suffering from concussion of the spine. He lingered until late at night, and every care was given him, but the case was hopeless from the first, and the authorities at the Tournament, to their great grief, learned of his death before midnight. It was the first fatality of the kind that had ever occurred in the history of the Tournament, and sympathy and sorrow were deep and sincere. Lord Cardigan attended the funeral as representative of the Tournament authorities, and the staff, the bluejackets, and soldiers sent last tributes in the form of wreaths.

Flowers were, indeed, closely appropriate to the funeral of Mr. Dugmore, who was one of the keenest gardeners of his day. He and his brother, Canon Dugmore, who is vicar of the parish, and Mr. Alfred Russell Wallace, the great Darwinian, lived in close association, and gardening was the hobby of them all. Especially did Mr. Dugmore and Mr. Wallace rejoice in the cultivation of various kinds of Eucalypti, to which the mild climate gave great encouragement, and in Mr. Wallace's garden is a fine specimen of Eucalyptus Gunni, which has braved many severe winters, and has flowered profusely in many autumns, to the equal delight of its owner and Mr. Dugmore; but the latter will not see it flower again. He was also an enthusiastic grower of water-lilies, and his collection of hybrid water-lilies and of blue water-lilies was very fine. Almost his last boast was that he held the record for having made the Nelumbium speciosum develop fully and expand in the open air, and that he had his blue nymphæas in bloom on May 17th. His death is a great loss to the literature of horticulture.

THE VOICES OF THE BELLS.

"Bid the merry bells ring to thine ear
That thou art crowned."
—*Shakespeare, Henry IV., Part II.*

THE bells have ever been the voice of our people in joy and triumph, even as they reflect in other tones their moods of sorrow. On Coronation Day the peals will ring out from a thousand towers that the Seventh Edward is crowned, rocking the old steeples, and signalling from coast to coast that Old England is celebrating the crowning of her King in the good old way. "Ring out, ye bells; burn bonfires clear and bright," was Shakespeare's notion of the accompaniments of a coronation, and we are much too conservative not to keep up the tradition, for bells and bonfires will be part of the celebration in every English village.

An "Allegro" and a "Penseroso" might be written of the moods of the bells. They are our oldest and almost our only national music. Their voices reach across the sky. They are the messengers of peace and goodwill, sending their sound from village to village, and over the cities' roofs, crying, not as one, but as a harmonious choir: "Be happy and rejoice." From the earliest days—for the first bell was brought to England by Benedict, the Abbot of Wearmouth, from Italy twelve centuries ago—they have been favourites of the English people. In the rude ages, when the poorer commons had little to stir their imagination and to put something of sentiment into their lives, they found in the voices of the bells something to appeal to their hearts. As they were warlike without being drilled, so, though they were not a musical race, they wanted some form of music to give expression to their emotions. This they found in the bells, which most of them could ring and all could understand. They were quite satisfied with the sound of those deep-mouthed notes, which their strong arms drew from the high-hung peal, and seldom troubled to fit the oak-hung masses of bronze with the tinkling machinery of the carillons, so dear to the bell-hangers of the Continent. There are towers in England in which peals must have been rung to do honour to the crowning of twenty generations of kings. What a study in costume and manner of life the portraits of these old ringers would be!

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DETACHED BELFRY, MARSTON MORETEYNE.

It is rather a solemn business ringing a peal, and is taken seriously. For one thing, the sound of the bells comes down from above, even through two or three storeys of old tower flooring, in volume of sound too great for talking to be heard. The ringing of a night-peal, by the light of the lanterns and candles set about, by the bare-armed, coatless men, good, rough-hewn villagers—the smith, the wheelwright, the sexton, and the rest—as the bells clash and the tower throbs in the darkness up above them, is a fine scene, and a stirring one. The slip of the ropes, the crash of the metal upon metal above, the echoing dominant ring, not of each bell but of all the bells, dwelling and resounding in the prison of the thick walls, is not the same as we hear outside, as the notes float out through the towers over the country round. The ringers are like men speaking in the dark. They take it on trust that what they do will be heard and please; but there is no applause to encourage them—no response to their music. The voices of the bells are so old,

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their sweet chime across the fields so familiar, that we have come to look on them as part of the natural sounds of the country, which we may expect every Sunday and holiday, as we may expect the cock to crow at dawn. This is hardly fair to the men who give this "set piece" of rustic music. There is not another instance of service to the charm of rural England so universal and so spontaneous.

Sentiment about bells has rather declined, perhaps because at one time it was pitched too highly. They were invested with religious prestige, and, oddly enough, with social prestige. Both depended on the fact that the bell was a voice. It could speak, and speak louder than any other thing known before the cannon's mouth was enlisted to signal triumph, to summon aid, or measure out the notes of mourning. It was the ambition of every free town to have a town bell, to summon its free citizens to meet for counsel or defence. It was a symbol of unity, a token that when it tolled the "thing," consisting of men with common interests and a common purpose, was about to act. It was something very significant, that town bell, a token that the new world was beginning, a mark that all kinds of ideas, starting in the humble notion of being "let alone" to work out your salvation in this world in your own way, were afoot.

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But the church bells appealed to the imagination mainly, not in regard to this world, but the next. The people put into the idea of these bells a quite human interest. They idealised them to an extent which has almost no parallel. There is nothing of the "gross superstition" order about this sentiment of an age of faith among a very sound, but, at the bottom, a religious, race. A little of the feeling survives still about ships, entrusted to the goodwill of heaven, before taking to their life on the waters ruled by the unseen powers of the deep. Ships are named and christened, with sometimes a service of the church. Bells were named and christened too, and

nothing was omitted which could mark the wish of the donors or owners to make them something else than mere metal of copper and tin. They were sprinkled with holy water. They were anointed with oil. After this, that nothing might be omitted which they would have done to ensure their own children a place among the consecrated sons and daughters of a religious and a pious race, they were sometimes clothed in a white chrysom, the linen garment of consecration. After this all was well; the bell was a link between earth and heaven. It rang children into the world, if their parents thought good; it rang when they were married; and it called on their neighbours for a prayer when their souls were crossing the bar. The whole sentiment about bells was good. Images and shrines were really appeals to particular saints and histories, but there was a generality about the cult of the bell which belongs to a wider range of feeling.

The church bells were always a link between the daily life of the people and the religious side, or, rather, the two were in mediæval days so mixed in practical matters that some of the secular uses survive still. What is more ancient in the life of the village than the company of the gleaners, who all go together for company's sake, for one never sees a solitary gleaner, into the cornfields? In many parishes the gleaners' bell is rung to let everyone know that the fields are now cleared of the sheaves, and that the "children's harvest" has begun. The gleaners' bell rings late, that the wives and little ones may not be hurried out, and that the weakest may have the same chance as the strongest in gathering the fallen ears. The workers' bell is also rung to let the labourers know when it is time to rise and be in the fields for the daily business of the farm. A vast stock of village jokes survives about this bell, as to how the farmers always made it worth while for the ringer to toll the bell ten minutes too early on weekdays for the men to go to work, and too late on Sundays for the farmers to come to church—all libels, no doubt, but part of the village stock of sarcasm. Among the bells still hanging in churches are some specially cast as "workers'" bells. Some bear this legend: "Arise, go about your business." When occasions of great rejoicings arise it is sometimes rather hard upon the machinery which hangs the bells, and sometimes has been known to result disastrously for the bell itself, which has been rung until it cracked. At Ashover, in Derbyshire, is one which has been re-cast, and bears the following inscription:

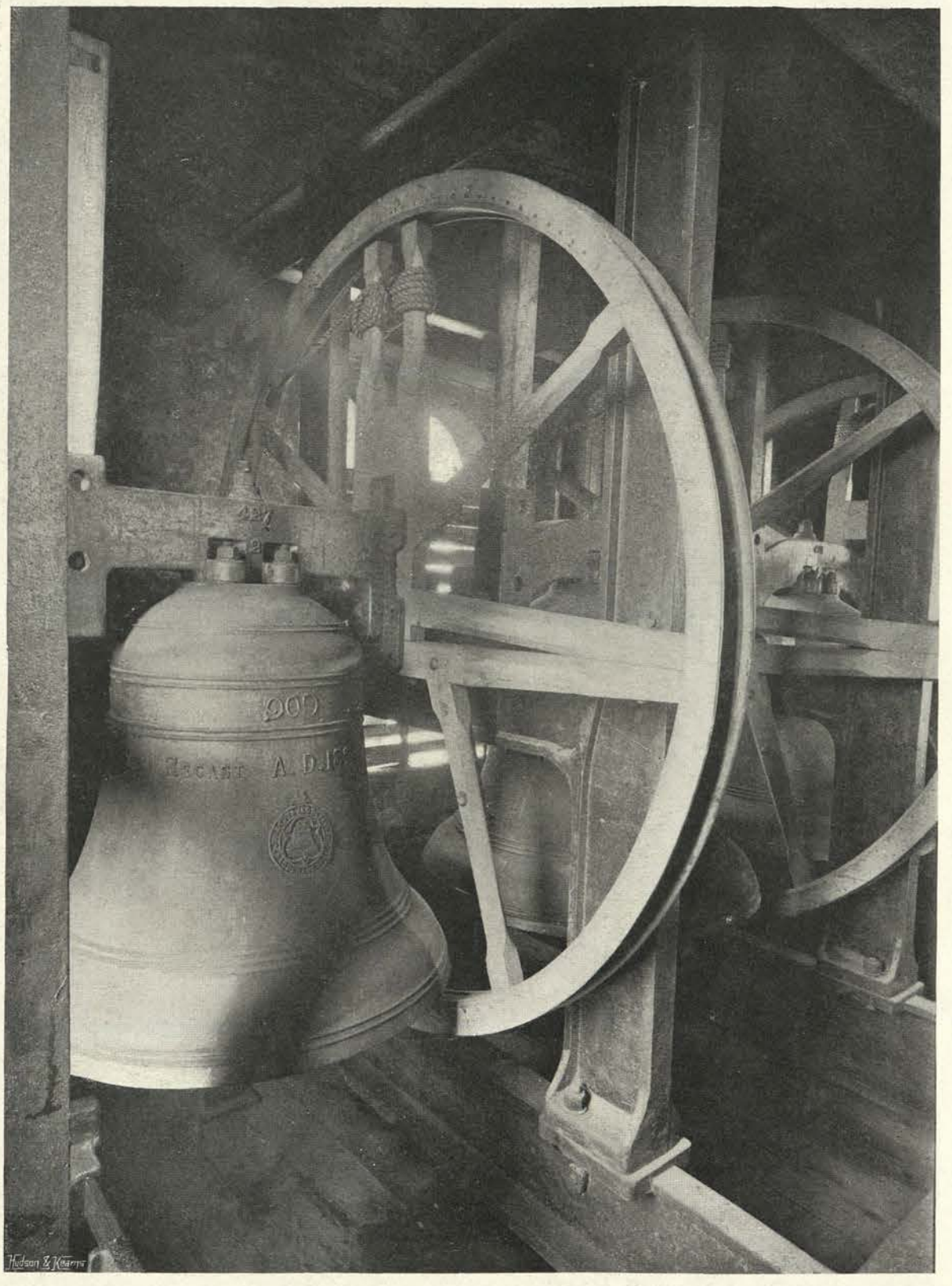
"This old bell rang the downfall of Buonaparte, and broke, April, 1814."

Particular bells were set apart for special uses, and had inscribed upon them words showing what they were meant to do. In one of the Dorsetshire churches is a bell cast and hung for the main purpose of employment as a fire alarm. On it is the inscription:

"Lord, quench this furious flame;
Arise, run, help put out the same."

A practical legend on another bell, which needs no comment, is the following:

"Doctor Nicholas gave five pound
To help cast this peal tunable and sound."



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Among the ancient customs surviving in our country villages is that of sounding a bell to guide people out on the moors or downs in the evening. The usefulness of this to shepherds on the moors and fells of the North will be plain to all. But before there were any "hard" roads on the Southern Downs and heaths people were very apt to be lost in fogs and after dark. Even in so comparatively populous a county as Berkshire there are surviving endowments of small sums of money to pay the sexton for ringing these guiding bells. One such endowmment is at Childrey, said to have been given by a man who was lost in the fog on the Downs and found his way back by hearing the Childrey bell. Another is rung at Wokingham, the money having been left by Richard Palmer.

The bells often gained a certain dignity of their own by being placed in a tower detached from the church. One of the finest examples of these separate bell towers is that at New College, Oxford. Another is that of Marston Moreteyne, in Bedfordshire, here shown. Both church, tower, bells, and belfry timbers are splendid, as will be gathered from the beautiful photographs. The bell tower stands at a distance of 50ft. from the church. It is evidently of earlier date than the latter, and is most massively built. The lower walls are 6ft. thick. There are only arrow slits in the lower storey, and the original entrance was not by a door below, but by one high up in the wall. It is on the south side of the tower, and so thick are the walls that it resembles a small tunnel. Access was obtained by a ladder, which could be drawn up inside if the tower were besieged. There are five fine bells in the tower, all made by Hugh Watts of Leicester. The wheels are part of the mechanism for ringing. They are a form of lever, which enables each bell to be pulled completely upright by means of the rope. The picture shows the wheel of the largest of the peal. In the holes in the wall are the nests of the birds, which by recent edicts of the bishops are to be excluded (very properly) from these chambers by wire-netting placed over the windows, and to be requested to take up their quarters in other parts of the tower. A still more massive and striking arrangement of timber setting may be seen in the photograph of the interior of Elstow Tower. A finer specimen of the rough, good, effective building and fitting of our old towers could scarcely be found.

Modern bell-founders set their bells in girders of iron, and make the wheels of the same metal, but the arrangement differs little from the mediæval pattern. Examples of this are shown from the tower of St. Peter's Church, Bedford. These bells were re-cast, but the old inscriptions were retained. The "Loyalist

Bell" bears the following, in which many of the letters are upside down or reversed:

"ƆOD SAΛƎ THƎ ꓘIWG, 1ƐƆO."

The Commonwealth was proclaimed on May 19th, 1649, but here we have a bell cast in the following year bearing a loyal inscription, but so arranged that it was not easily read.

C. J. CORNISH.

IN THE GARDEN.

FLOWER GARDENING, 1838-1902.

IT is interesting to the keen lover of English gardens to draw a comparison between the gardening of the Early Victorian Era and that of the present time. When the late Queen, of revered memory, ascended the Throne English gardens were suffering from a severe attack of scarlet fever. Scarlet overran everything, mixed with yellow, blue, and white—garish masses of brilliant hues, unrestful, exotic, and painfully monotonous. "Bedding out," in its most violent form, was the fashion of the day. When flowers failed, coloured gravels were used to get the desired effect—brilliancy, harshness, mere effect of two or three colours, and an utter absence of anything that tended to rest and quietness. But fashion is fickle. Sermons were preached by the leading journals of the day upon the falseness and poverty of this use of three colours, and the *Garden*, then edited by Mr. Robinson, waged war, as it does now, against this worship of things beautiful when used with moderation, but tiresome and a sad reflection of the artificiality of the age when planted as they were then.

We are thinking now of the flower garden; but the scene has been gradually changing, until, in this year 1902—the year of King Edward VII.'s Coronation—the English garden is garlanded with flowers and drenched with a hundred perfumes. But fashion alone has not produced this transformation. During the past sixty years countries have been explored, their flora has been tapped for our delectation, and the great art of hybridising and selection so perfected that every flower exhibition is a manifestation of the skill of raisers of all countries. Whilst the brilliant exhibition in the Temple Gardens is fresh in one's mind, think of the flowers raised and introduced during the last half century. Such an exhibition was impossible when Queen Victoria came to the Throne. Orchids were regarded as strangely wonderful things from the swamps of the tropics, and, whether dwelling on the snow-line or in the temperate regions, were treated in the same way and killed in the abnormal temperature of an English hothouse. The hothouse was regarded as a necessity. Nothing from the far-off lands could be hardy; it must be tropical, and was forthwith consigned to the hothouse, there to stew and die. Millions, we may say, of rare Orchids perished on the journey home through indifferent packing and the slow travelling, and, even when they arrived safely on our shores, the Englishman's stew-house finished their course.

In these days there are such things as cold storage, clever packing, and quick means of transit. In truth, the whole horticultural world has turned topsy-turvy, and the flower and fruit industry takes its place amongst the great commercial features of the country. In 1838 the Rose in its many beautiful variations, as we know it to-day, was not born. The Tea Rose is a modern creation. Gloire de Dijon, Anna Olivier, Viscountess Folkestone, Princess de Sagan, Marie Van Houtte, Maréchal Niel, Maman Cochet, and a host of varieties we regard as our most precious flower possessions, were unknown. Many beautiful climbers garlanded the porch or crept in at the window, but there were no Crimson Ramblers, Unas, Psyche, Wichurianas, and the many exquisite climbing and rambling Roses that bring joy and charm to the English garden in this the Coronation year of 1902.

The Early Victorian craze for red, white, and blue, and an insatiable desire to have patterns and scrolls in plants on the grass, thrust out, however, many beautiful hardy flowers from bed and border. The pleasure grounds were neglected, many things became almost extinct, and the glorious homes of England were denuded of all that was held most precious as part of their surroundings. This transformation has been gradual; we are a more "artistic" nation than we were sixty years ago, and the better taste in gardening is reflected in architecture and painting. An artist has no lack of subjects in the present century, as we know well from the many charming exhibitions held from time to time by those artists who make the "gardens of England" their especial study.

CORONATION BEDS.

But may we be saved from Coronation Beds. We hear rumours of desperate attempts to represent crowns and sceptres and diagrams of various kinds, artlessly and wonderfully portrayed in little clipped plants. This is a retrograde step—it echoes the early days of the reign of Queen Victoria, and is offensive to all who have the true art feeling in the adornment of our pleasure grounds. Loyalty and devotion to His Majesty and to Queen Alexandra are not expressed in a raised floral crown, a dumpling set on turf, and kept in shape by perpetual snipping of leaves and buds. It is not loyalty to scrawl over the green grass "E.R. VII."—a floral monogram of Lobelia, Mesembryanthemum, and Alternanthera; and we fear this sort of Coronation madness will upset the good opinion of those visitors to our shores who are coming in the belief that English gardening is free from paltry imitation of mosaic or of things animate and inanimate. We received a floral shock on one occasion when a crocodile in flower colours was designed on the grass—a beautiful sward, soft as velvet, and yet desecrated by this monster made of things that bear snipping patiently. Perhaps—we fervently hope so—this reversion to the worst phases of gardening sixty years ago is a passing fancy.

Another feature of modern gardening is the introduction of flowers from China and Japan. When Queen Victoria came to the Throne, the Chrysanthemum was almost unknown. Of course the Chinese and Japanese had brought the flower to wonderful perfection, but the glorious masses of petals seen in November at exhibitions all over the country, in almost every village, were yet to come. There were no Chinese Primroses, Persian Cyclamens, Streptocarpuses, or tuberous Begonias, to mention only a few of the things we possess in the year 1902; and this acquiring of new forms is increasing. Countries have been scoured, until great discoveries become rarer and rarer, and we look to the hybridist to add beauty to the garden by the acquisition of interesting and valuable novelties.

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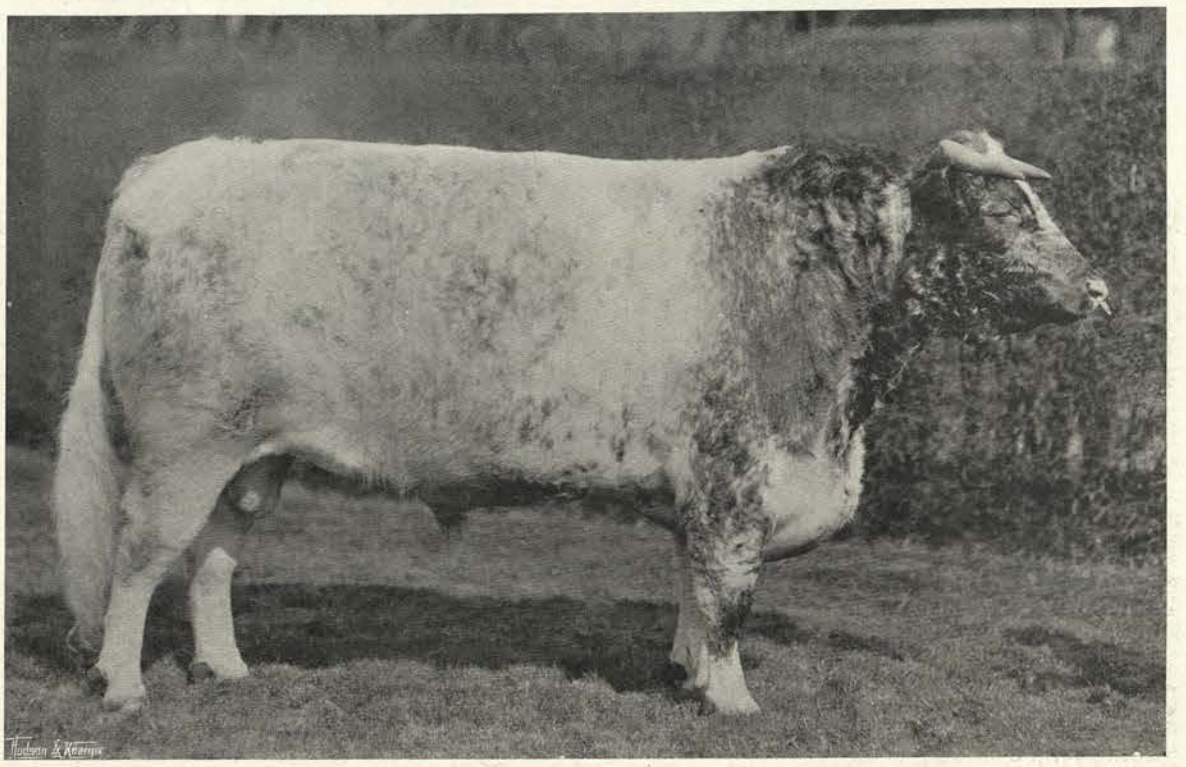
THE KING AS COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

SANDRINGHAM is what the old writers would have described as "a fayre manoir," and now that the cares of State lie on the King's head, its charms appeal to him more than ever. In situation, it lies far enough away from London to give a feeling of remoteness and seclusion, yet not so far but that it is easy to run down for a day or two. And, after many years of building, planting, and general improving, the place has ripened into an exquisite beauty. The last occasion on which the writer was there happened to be in May, when the tender young foliage was at its best, and the world was bright with the young flush of spring. Along the beautiful road from Wolferton to Sandringham the larches and firs displayed nearly every shade of green; the white stoled birches were draped in fluttering green leaves; and though the bracken as yet gave no sign of wakening from its winter sleep, here and there a rhododendron added the brightness of its flowers to the scheme of colour. The oaks were just in the opening bud stage of development. Birds were singing so merrily as almost to drown the voices of the nightingales by day, though after dark they had the world all to themselves. As we were driving along the Princesses' Walk, with its cunningly devised "peeps" at the silvery Wash, a black and white magpie rose and sailed into the wood—an omen of good luck. The place is haunted by many birds, and last year was visited by a golden eagle. All such strangers are tenderly protected, and indeed the tameness of the pheasants that scarce would get out of the way of the carriage wheels was a true token of the genuine kindness to animals. Apparently they had quite forgotten the winter shooting parties. It is said that a man is best known in his own home, and no one could be more popular than the King is among his own people. At Sandringham he lays ceremony aside and goes freely about on the estate. And a very good test to apply to any landlord is to observe the age of the tenants and servants. Many of the King's are very old indeed. It was an old-fashioned, well-cultivated bit of Norfolk that he purchased in 1863. There were about 12,000 acres in all, farmed by people who in some cases had gone on for several generations. Most of their representatives are there to this day, and good farmers they are. So also there are many aged servants, and one and all readily acknowledge how wise and practical has been the King's interest in their welfare. As is well known, he is particularly solicitous about their housing, and nearly every cottage on the estate has been rebuilt since he became landlord, and in a most substantial and satisfactory manner. So that in this respect the estate is now thoroughly well-equipped. There are also on it two clubs for labourers, the organisation of which is due to the King. A single instance may be given to illustrate the tact of his management. No wines or spirits are allowed to be sold in the clubs, but at first there was a rule which said, "One pint of beer per day only can be obtained by any person." This the King disliked, and indeed it belongs to a most unworkable class of regulations, since it can be so easily evaded. Suppose Harry is thirsty and Tom is not, how easy it is for Harry first to order his pint, and then to get Tom to order one which he does not want, and drink that too! The King abolished the restriction, but substituted one for it, allowing each man to be his own judge of what was good for him, but guarding against intemperance by making a first offence punishable by suspension for one month, a second by suspension for six months, and a third by expulsion. Time has shown that the King was right. In eighteen years there has only been one case of a member being suspended for a month; he did not repeat the offence. The affairs of the club are managed entirely by the men themselves, and the institution has proved very beneficial. In this connection it ought also to be said how much the King has done in the way of building and restoring churches on the estate.



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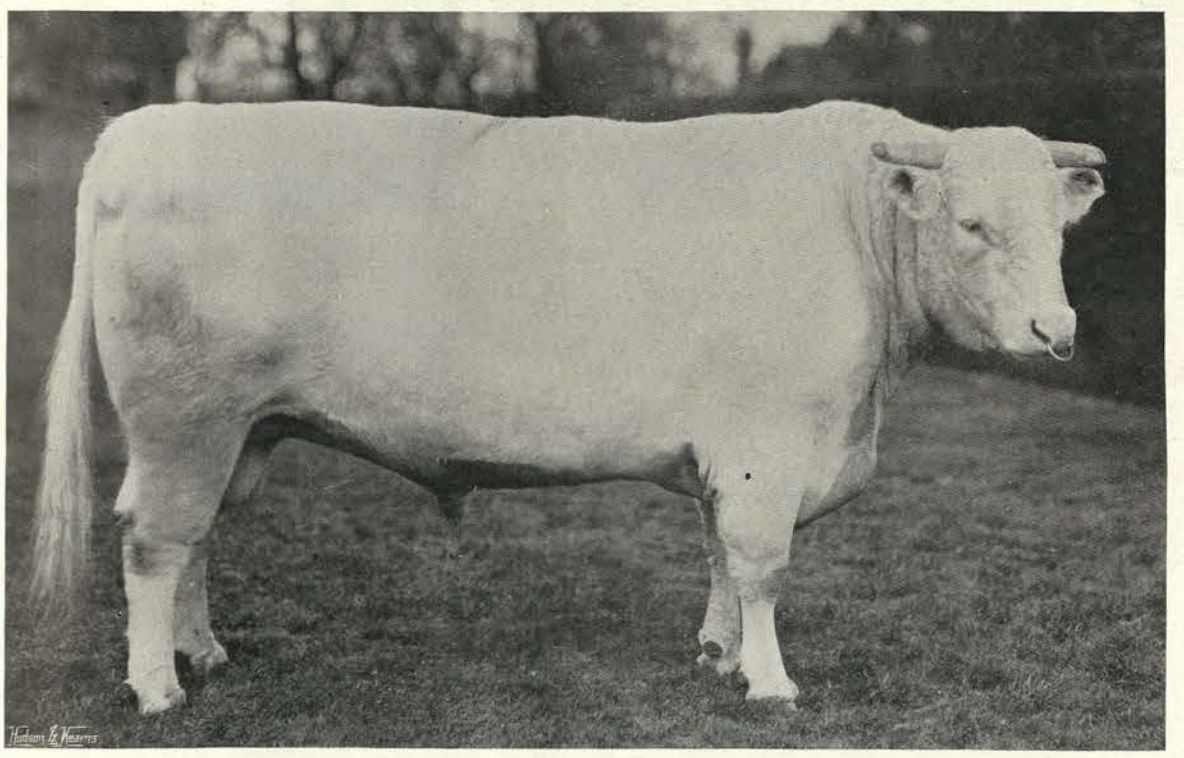

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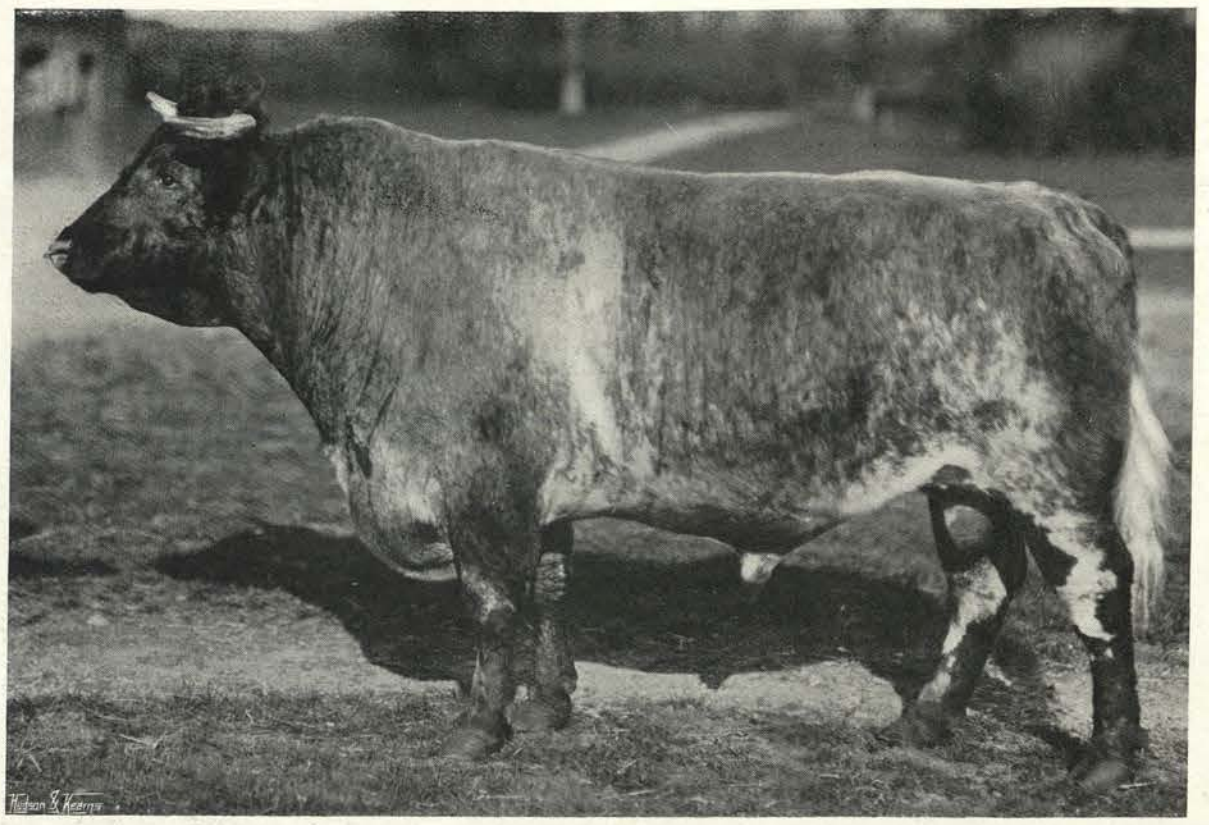
The King's love of agriculture is well known from his public appearance at so many shows. Three there are in particular, in addition to his own county one, of which he long has been a friend and patron. First we take the Shire Horse Society, for which he has done so much; next, the Ashdown Show, a very important one to Shire-breeders; and then the Peterborough Show, the great foal show of the year. Of all these he is patron, and in them he is most keenly interested. It would take too long to go into his connection with the Royal and enumerate all the occasions on which he has lent it his support. These things belong to his public life, and for the moment we are more concerned with his private character as a landowner, farmer, and breeder of pedigree stock.

The King has set a fine example by conducting his farming operations with an entire absence of ostentation. For one in his position it is easy not only to have the best of everything, but to proclaim the fact in every scrap of work done. But the King has shown himself beyond and above the temptation of the *nouveau riche* to be flamboyant and showy and to make a huge display of wealth. For instance, the best buildings on the estate are the



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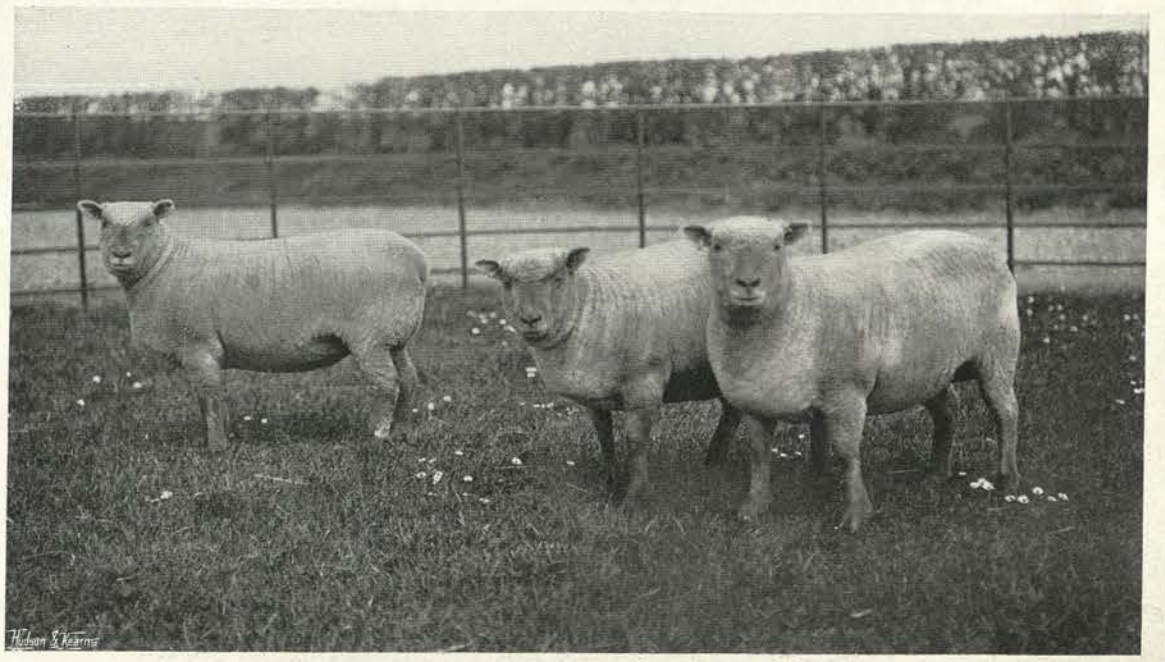
men's cottages. In the arrangements for housing all his fine animals the utmost homeliness prevails. Going through the yards at Wolferton one gets the impression of visiting the homestead of a substantial farmer of the old sort, who was, it is true, proud of his livestock, but somewhat contemptuous of mere appearance. The yards and sheds are old, and seemingly just what they were when the King as Prince of Wales came to this part of Norfolk. Indeed, one would like to have had a snap-shot of the comely West Highlanders lying in their straw or gazing about so gently, despite the ferocious look imparted by their splendid horns. One feels the same thing about the men. Some have grown grey in the Royal service, others are entering upon it as young lads; but from all you hear the broad, homely Norfolk accent—at least, from nearly all. There are some who use the "braid Scots." But everywhere are the zeal and knowledge that are inspired by a good master, be he king or commoner. It is the same with the arrangements for the Shires and shorthorns at Appleton. Comfort there is, and efficiency, but extremely little show. The elderly man who takes care of the Shires is, or looks like, one who was born for the situation. He thinks Shires and talks Shires. With a mind well stored with memories of the great horses that have passed through his hands, he has no end of anecdotes. For instance, he tells you of Lord Rothschild's famous stallion Anchorite—who, as everybody knows, was purchased from the King—that he had a very bad temper. Proof of that we have indeed had with our own eyes, for the horse once, being brought out on view, turned on the lad who had charge of him, reared, and, dropping, worried at him till we thought a fatal accident certain; yet the boy escaped scatheless. Here we are told that Anchorite's dam died in foaling, and that he was brought up by hand, and that colts so nursed are always more wicked than those brought up in a more natural manner. So in regard to all the mares and horses passed in review; his mind is saturated with Shire gossip, and about each he has something of interest to state, always in the patois of his native country. It would not be possible to imagine anyone who more thoroughly looked and lived his proper character. The cattleman is another of the same kidney, and delights to recapitulate the triumphs of the great bulls as they are brought out. Indeed, one cannot help feeling, with admiration, that the King has created around Sandringham the very atmosphere of an English country home, so admirably rendered by Washington Irving in "Bracebridge Hall," the most charming of his books. Here are the aged servitors and the ancient devotion to their several crafts, the love of old ways and old things and old fashions that has so long distinguished that splendid representative of England, the country gentleman. It is the ideal that Sir Walter Scott so continually dreamed of, and that he tried to live up to at Abbotsford. His faithful Tom Purdie has quite a number of counterparts here. There are faithful old servants still living at Sandringham who remember the coronation of Queen Victoria, and assisted at the planting of trees that now are over thirty years of age. Only by hearing such veterans talk can one fully realise all that the King has done in beautifying his seat and developing the agriculture of the estate. They are living witnesses who have grown old in watching these things, and remember the very roads as they used to be before his time. Not that they care to admit that much was wrong with the old roads either. Before steam-rollers came to be used, the



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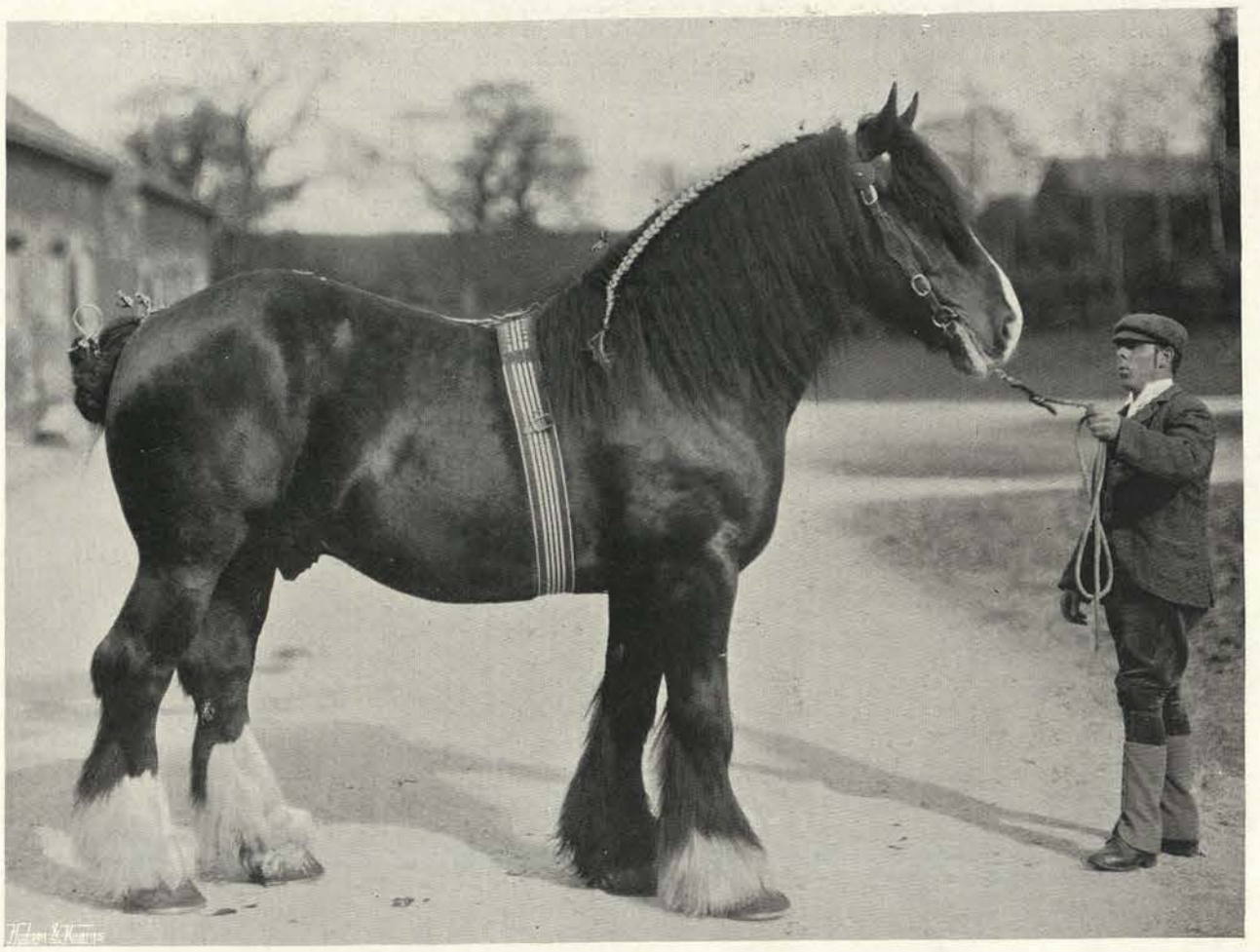
county gentlemen of Norfolk fully recognised the advantage of attending to the highway.

The King himself is old enough to remember many changes, and it is scarcely possible to avoid glancing at them in any review of his history as a country gentleman. When he started farming in the sixties, agriculture was in the heyday of prosperity. Land was sought for by all who had capital to spend, and "Mr. Greenfields" was considered to offer a security to investors not second to Consols or the Bank of England. No one dreamed of the lean years that stretched away from 1879 up to the present time. We have spoken of roads, but good roads were more necessary then than now, because of the greater traffic on them. Farmers sent far more of their produce to market and were not so used to sending it by rail. Then there were no school boards, county councils, or parish councils. We have become so speedily accustomed to these bodies as almost to forget how recent is their establishment. Above all else, cheapness of food was undreamed of. Bread was dear, meat was dear, sugar had a heavy tax on it, so had tea, coffee, and many other articles. No one had yet thought of bringing Australian and American meat, poultry, and rabbits over to this country in refrigerators. England practically fed herself, and the farmers seemed to have an endless monopoly of doing this part of her work. Who could have foretold the changes that were close at hand? New wheat-



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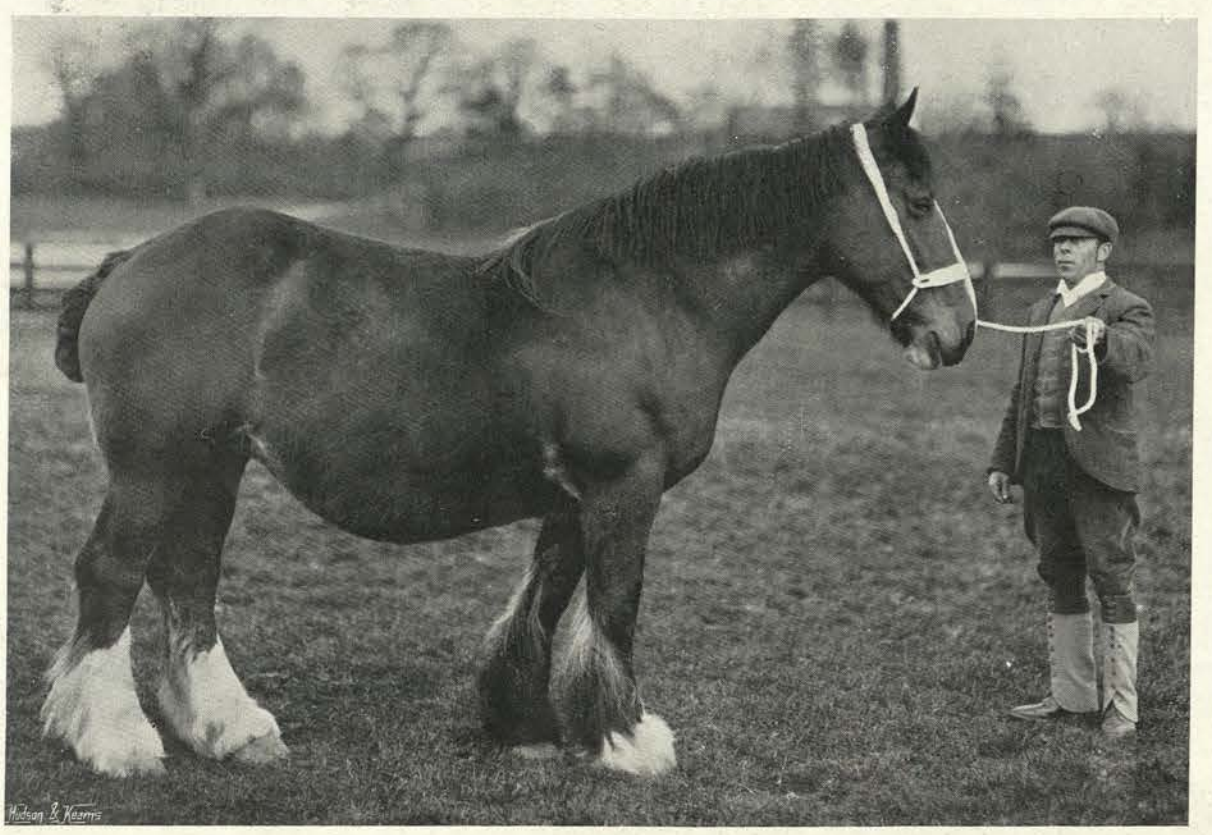
lands were opened, and then, through the competition of steamship companies, freights were lowered, and wheat, stimulated by the wretched harvest of 1879, began to pour into this country in a torrent, which has ever since kept increasing in volume. Simultaneously other sources of food supply have been tapped, and shiploads of tinned meat and cold meat, of eggs and poultry and bacon, of fresh fruit and canned fruit, of nearly everything imaginable in the way of food, have been imported. All this has affected the King's position as a landlord to an enormous extent, and yet in this part of Norfolk there has been less actual hardship than has occurred in many other districts of England. A change for which the King is much more responsible is that of keeping farms practically devoted to pedigree stock. In the sixties, when he came to Sandringham, it is true that shorthorns had been long established as the characteristic breed of English cattle; but what a number of herd-books of other species have a later beginning than that! And if we turn to horses, we see changes quite as important. Thorough-breds were as good then as now. Sir Walter Gilbey would say they were very much better, but the rage for Shires had not yet begun. Even the excellent name for them had not been invented, and they were still spoken of as the black cart-horse, black being the favourite colour. Now it is only just to the King that these things should be brought to mind, because no one else in England has exercised so beneficial an influence upon these changes. He has not only been ready on every possible occasion to lend a theoretical encouragement to the breeding of pedigree stock, but probably on the assumption that practice is better than theory, has led the way by engaging in it himself. And this appears to have been a matter of taste as much as principle with him. No one who did not like breeding could possibly have done all that he has accomplished. The results to farmers have been excellent. England under this system has become the breeding stud of the world. Nowhere else will you find stock so good as in our shires, or in Sandringham itself for the matter of that, and the breeding of it has opened a way to men who would otherwise scarcely have known which way to turn.

Thus, the more we examine the change witnessed since he as Prince of Wales came to Sandringham in 1863, the more interesting do we find it, not only as exhibiting the development of husbandry since that date, but as showing how excellently the tastes and predilections of the King have fitted into the

situation, so that they have been the means of conferring a really solid benefit upon the country at large. However, it is time to stop generalising and come to particulars of the work he has so successfully accomplished in his pleasant country seat.

At Sandringham about 2,000 acres are kept in hand for the use of the various pedigree flocks and herds. Most of them are at Appleton and Wolferton. The King began his career, first



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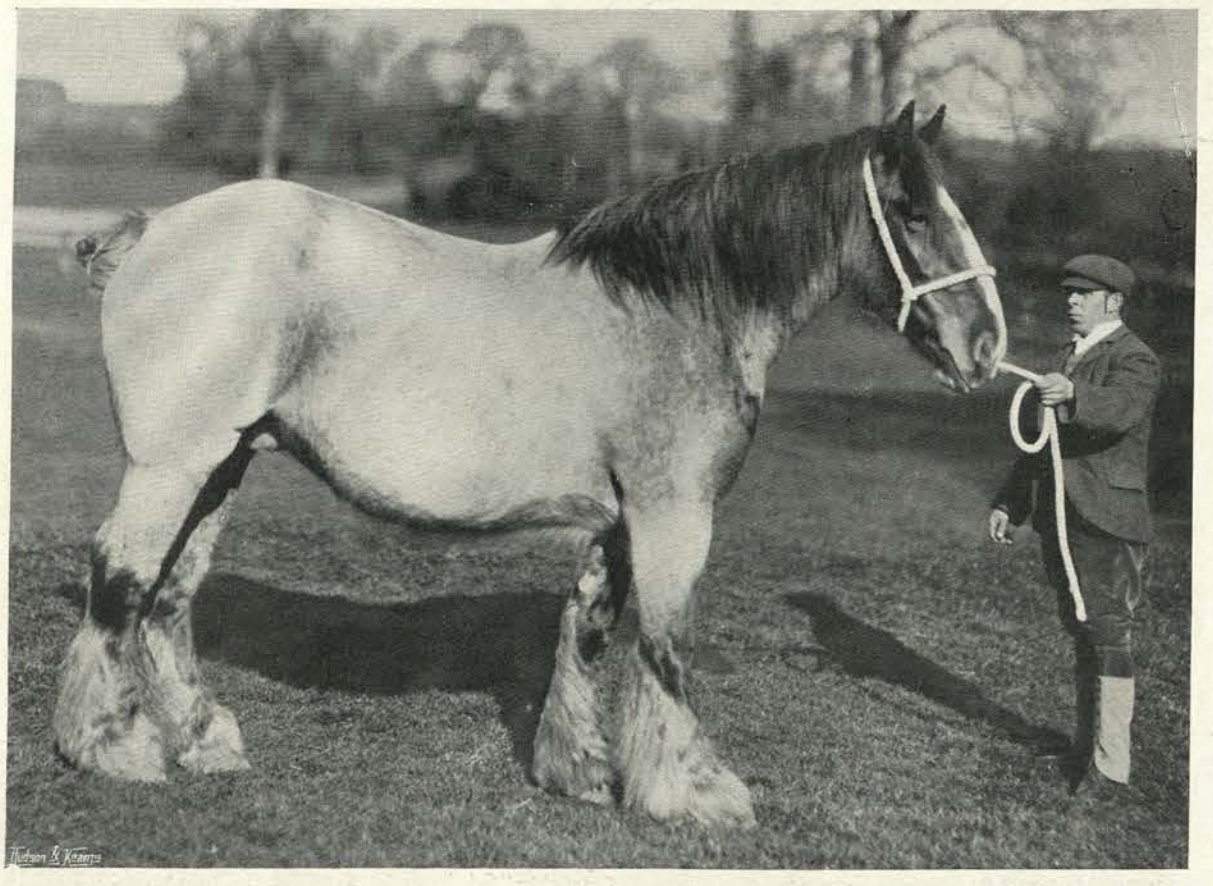
of all, by rearing Southdown sheep, and although the flock was a little overshadowed some time back by the Shires and shorthorns, we cannot forget that it has taken honours in all the leading shows, and probably will do so again, as great, if quiet, attention is now being paid to it. But the King's tastes led him to take a deeper interest still in cattle. No doubt he inherited them from his father. The Prince Consort may be said to have founded the Windsor herd as early as 1854, when he purchased,



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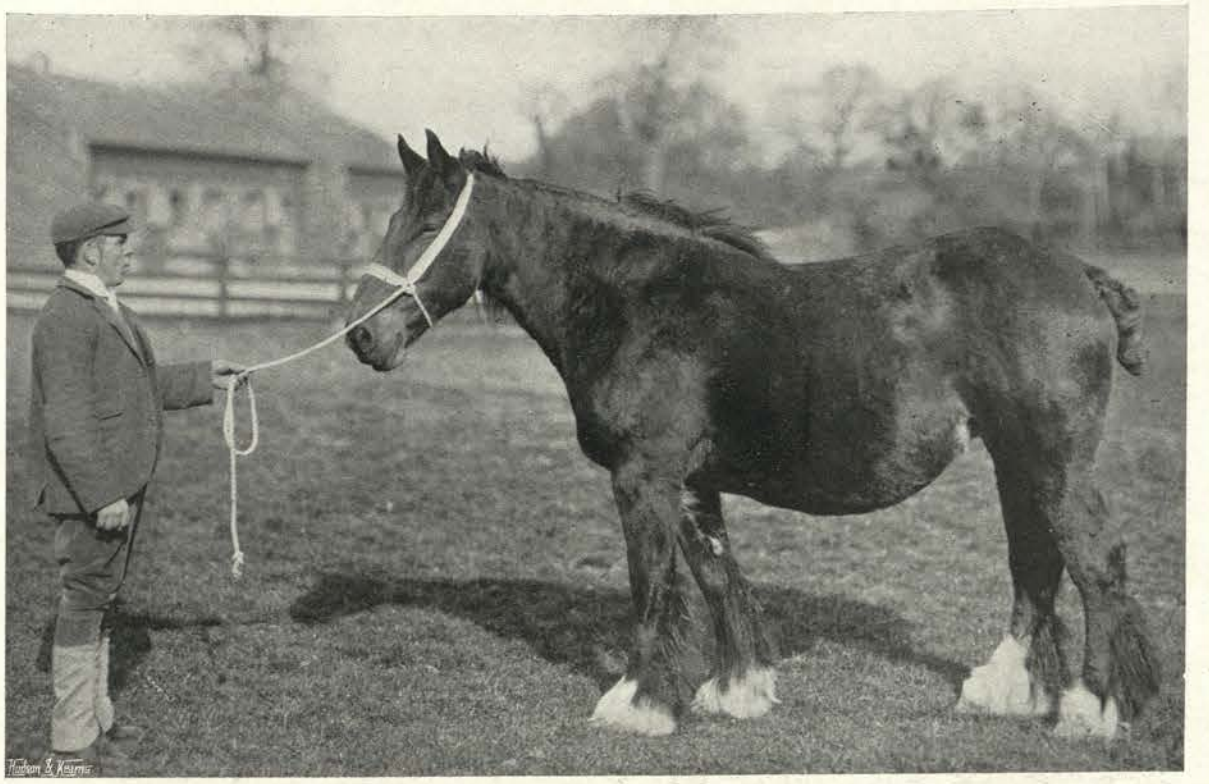
at the cost of 100 guineas each, two beautiful cows at Sir Charles Knightley's sale at Fawsley, in Northamptonshire. Warlaby sires were used at first, though afterwards a good cross was obtained by purchase from Scotland. It was in 1877 that the King started the shorthorn herd at Sandringham. He obtained a few animals from Windsor, but the nucleus of the herd was really formed by buying the pick of the best Norfolk herds. Round about Sandringham at that time there lived a number of quite excellent breeders—old John Gamble among them—and from these was gradually built up the present herd, which is now second to none in the kingdom. For some years past Sandringham has had only one rival to be seriously afraid of, and that, as need scarcely be said, was Windsor. Last year at Cardiff the King had the satisfaction of sweeping the board, so to speak. He was, in a sense, only beaten by himself. The famous Windsor bull, Royal Duke, bred by her late Majesty, was top of the list, and received the champion prize of £20, given by the Shorthorn Society for the best bull in the show. Pride of Collynie was second and reserve for the championship. He is a more massive bull than his successful rival, and equally good as far as top goes, though his quarters are not equal. Pride of Collynie was purchased at the show of the Highland Society in 1899, where he stood second to Royal Duke, who had been sent up from Windsor. He has proved an excellent sire, and the herd is deriving new strength from his service. But the resources of the herd will be very apparent from the fine series of bull photographs we are able to show. Sales form an unfailing test of merit, and the fact of the King having attained to the high average of £70 per animal speaks for itself. This he has done on two occasions. The King's taste for shorthorns is by no means an exclusive one. He it was who first set the stamp of popularity on the Dexter breed, those sweet little cows that look like shorthorns in miniature. At the Newcastle Show of the Royal Society in 1887 he was much impressed by the Dexter exhibits, and made up his mind to obtain some. His first purchase was made from James Robertson of Dublin, and since then Dexters have been very successfully bred at Sandringham. The King has taken championship honours at the Royal twice, and has also two London cups for the best Dexter, in addition to winning high places at less important shows. He likes to see these creatures, and there are about forty of them on the estate. The King is also fond of the West Highland breed of cattle, which he likes to see in the parks. He has taken many prizes for them too. One or two very good steers were visible at our visit, but they were somewhat out of court for the purpose of the photographer. When we add that there are a few very sweet-looking redpolls, it will be understood that the Royal herd does not lack variety.

Turning from shorthorns to Shires, we come to a department of breeding wherein the King's excellence is unchallenged. The Shire stud is renowned wherever Shires are known. And here again his sympathy with agriculture has taken a most practical form. These splendid stallions of his are let out at very moderate fees to those who have no connection with the estate, and to the King's tenants free. Every farmer knows that this is tantamount to putting actual cash into the pockets of the tenants. It is not only that so much is saved in actual fees, but the great expense usually lies in sending mares to a stallion. Some of the tenants have done very well indeed by obtaining a good class of mare to match with the Royal horses. It was at one of the early Shire horse shows that the King was struck with the ambition to own some of these animals for himself, and the result was the purchase of Jewel, a very good mare. For a long while, however, things went on quietly, and little attempt was made to cut a figure in the showyard. However, luck, or the soil, or something else, made the Shires do well, and they were taken up seriously. Very soon the stud came to have a great reputation, as it produced some of the great winning Shires of the day—such, for instance, as those grand mares Gloaming (sold for 1,000 guineas and subsequently champion) and Victor's Queen. Locally it is believed that the storms and winds from the Wash put stamina into the horses. At all events, there is no stud

in the country where the horses are treated by hardier methods. After a foal is born it is kept for from nine to twelve months on the chalk, and then turned out on the marsh, where it winters without any cover whatsoever. Except the stallions, the horses are not brought under cover again. It may be doubted whether this is the best way to secure size and weight, but most undoubtedly there is no better way for getting constitution, and that is the probable reason why horses do so well after leaving the stud. The King has had four sales of Shire horses, held respectively in 1891, 1894, 1898, and 1902. At that in 1898 his Shires made the extraordinary average price of £224 7s., and for many years this stood as the record, till it was beaten the year before last by Lord Llangattock. At the sale this year the average fell a little short of what it had risen to in 1898. This cannot be wondered at. Every year sees an addition to the breeders of Shires, and scattered up and down the country now are ten times the number of first-class studs that there used to be. Prices for show animals cannot fail to be influenced by such an enormous increase in production, and it is just as well that this should be so, for the grand aim of breeding cart-horses ought not to be the exhibition, but work, and there is not the slightest sign of any fall in the value of those to be used for haulage.



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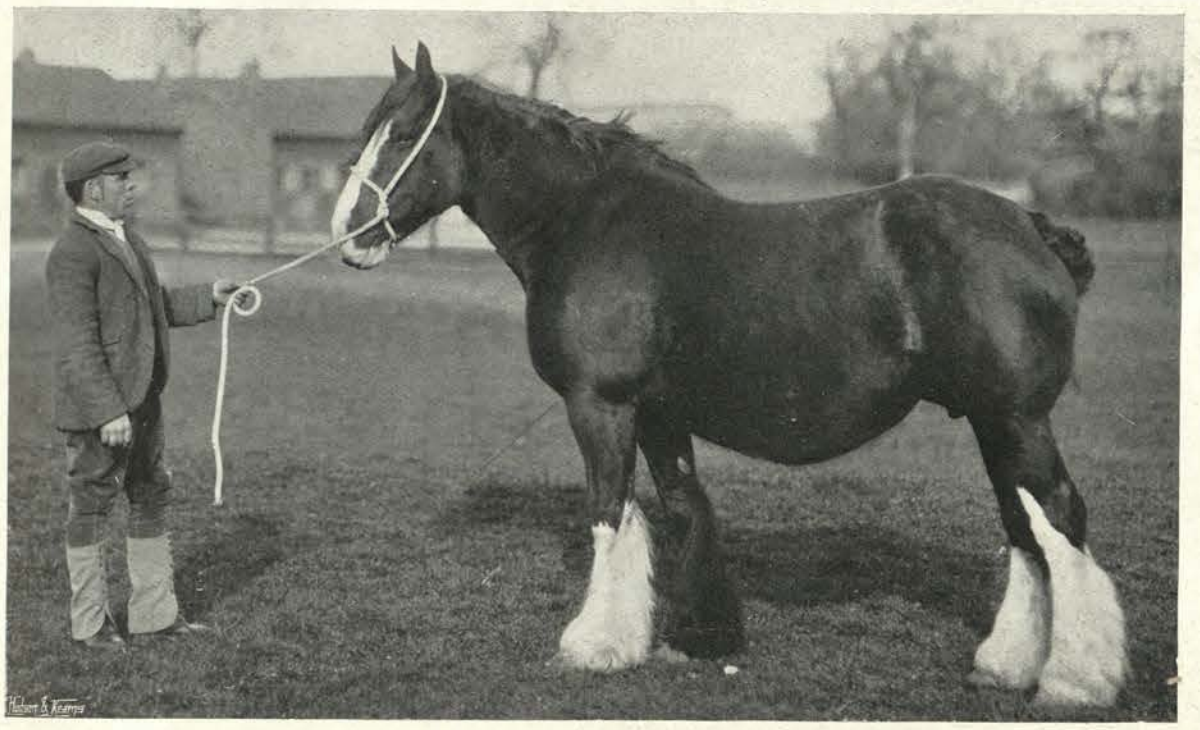

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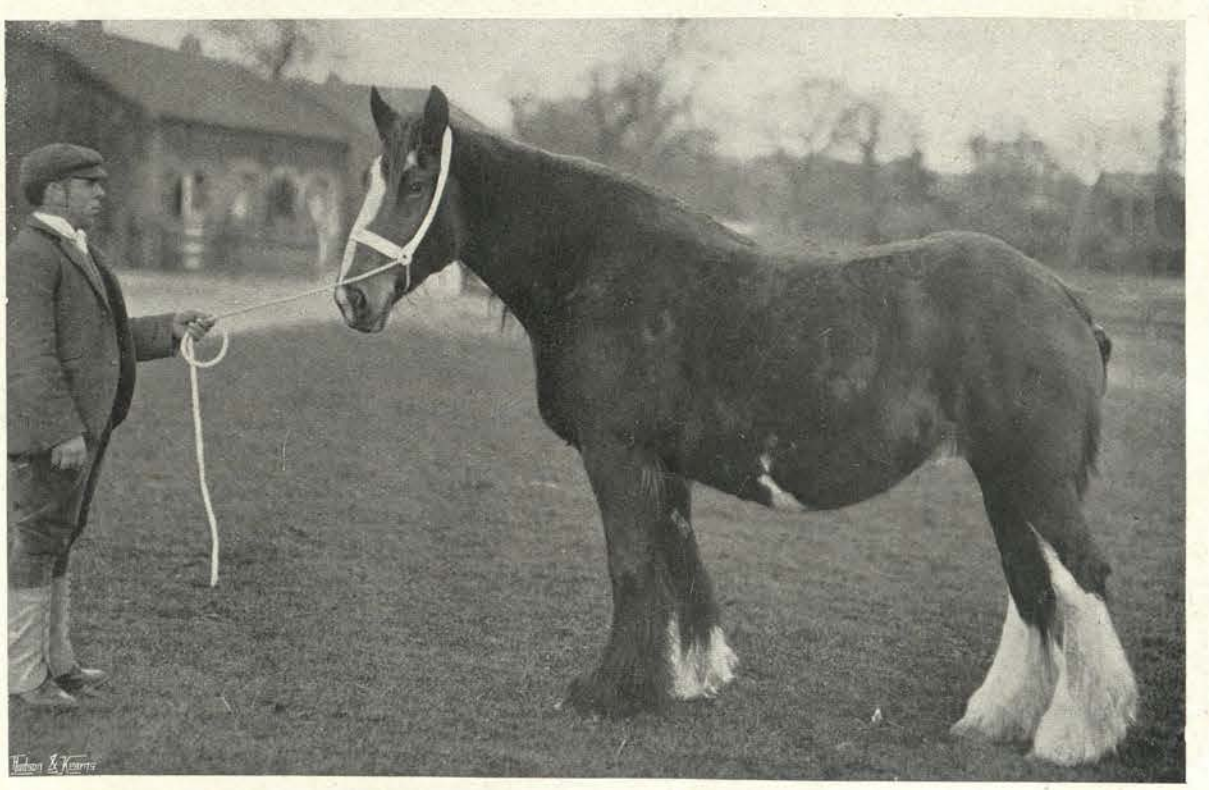
We give portraits of the leading sires in the King's stud. One is glad to see that the photographer has taken Calwich Blend in such a manner as to give due prominence to his magnificent feet. He is still looked upon as a newcomer to the stud. One can easily see that he is a Harold horse, of great bone and weight. He ought to match well with Dorothy Drew, who, after being reserve for the Shire Horse Society's gold medal at the Bath and West, and obtaining a first in Gloucestershire for Lord Rothschild, was purchased by the King. The younger horse, Premvictor, who is being tried for the first time this year, is a Shire full of quality, though his fineness gives a certain Clydesdale air to his appearance. He is obviously a good horse, and ought to be a great success at the stud. With the stallions we show some of the brood mares. They are not supposed to be in show condition, but are taken just as they happened to be on the day of our photographer's visit.

A word should be added in regard to the Hackney stud which used to be kept at Wolferton, but was dispersed in the early part of the present year. This fancy represented one more side to the King's active sympathies, and there was a peculiar appropriateness in his keeping Hackneys as a Norfolk landowner, since Norfolk claims to be the home of the nag. He founded the stud with Field-Marshal in 1887, and his object here was not so much exhibition as to breed good-coloured carriage horses, browns and bays. Incidentally he performed a service to lovers of this useful breed.

These roughly, then, are the agricultural pursuits of the King at Sandringham. In following them he has set an example which ought to be, and has been, followed by many hundreds of English country gentlemen. To keep pedigree stock has, in short, become a fashion of the day, mostly owing to his influence. It has been a very useful fashion to the classes engaged in husbandry, and has enabled many of them to weather the storm that at one time was very threatening indeed. When grain production failed as a means of livelihood, stock-keeping came in to fill its place. And not only have fortunes been bettered by the export trade that has sprung up, but the stock on English farms has improved far beyond what it used to be in the days anterior.



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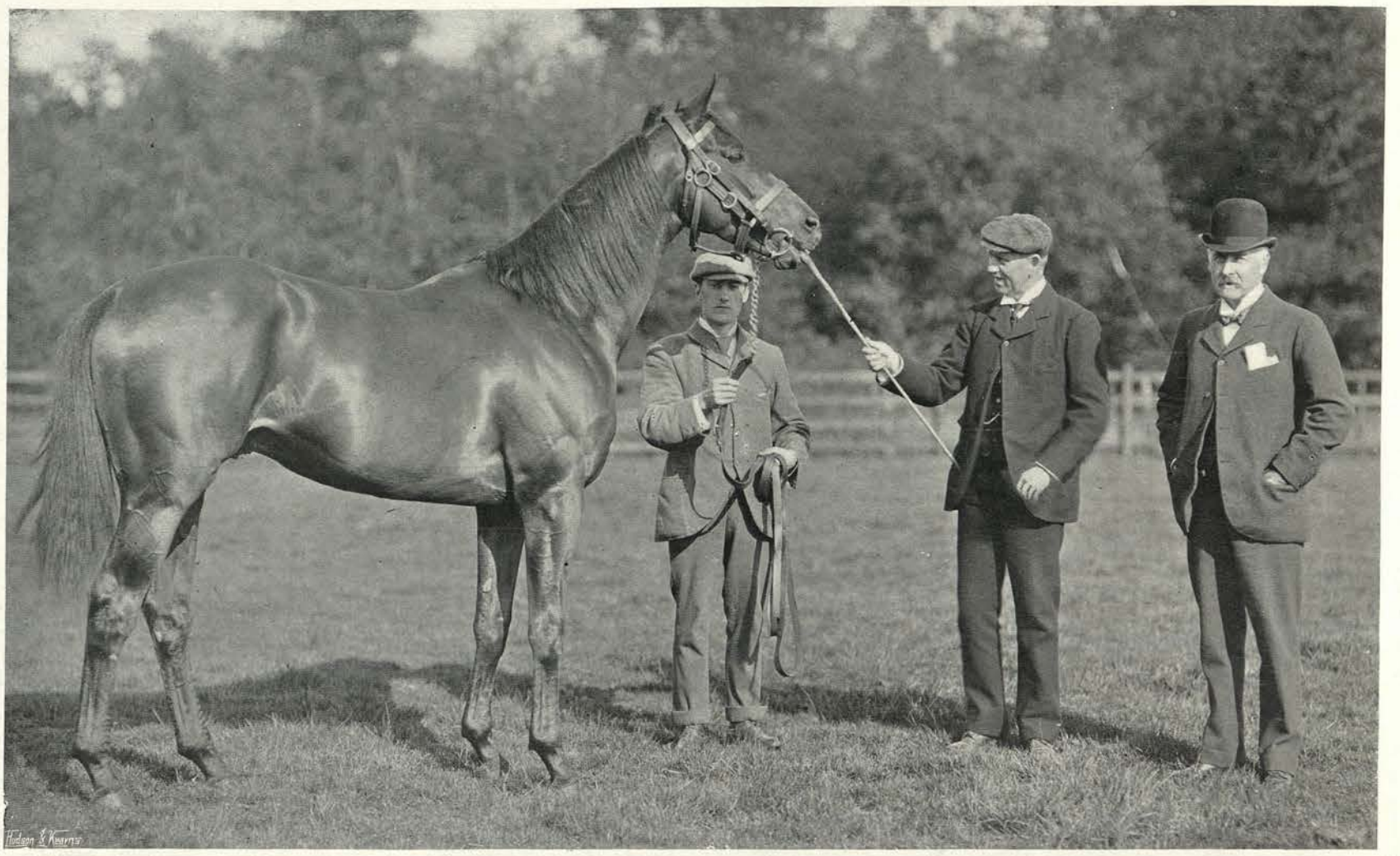
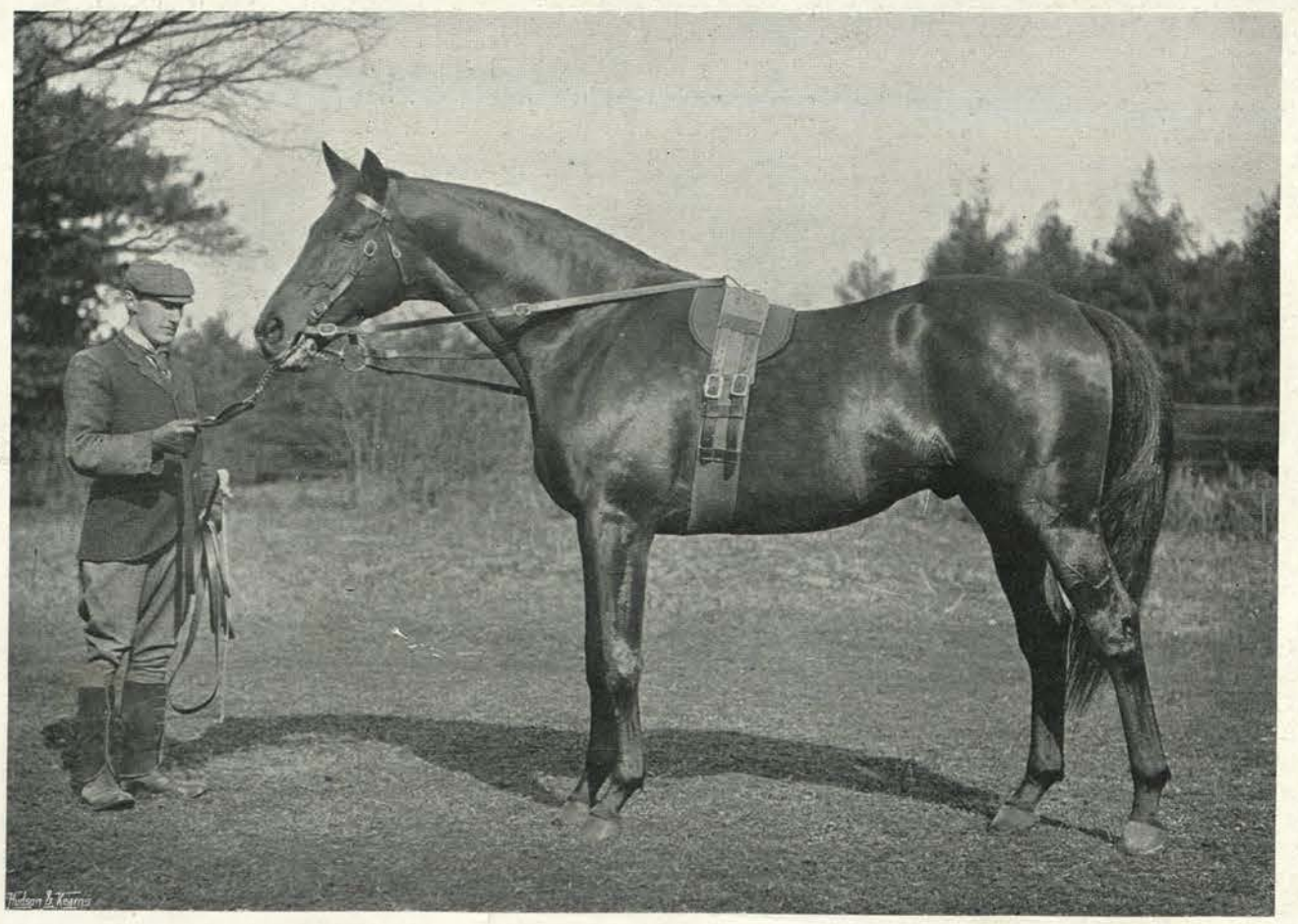
THE KING AS A SPORTSMAN.



Rouch. PERSIMMON AT SANDRINGHAM, WITH LORD MARCUS BERESFORD & E. WALKER. Copyright—"C.L."

(This photograph was taken in the early days of the famous Derby winner's stud career.)

IF the English nation has a characteristic that is beyond all cavil, it is a love of sport and pastime, and nothing could be more appropriate than that it should have for a Ruler one who is pre-eminently distinguished in this respect. Few of his subjects can rival King Edward VII. in the versatility and extent of his sporting sympathies. The late Duke of Beaufort, than whom there was no more capable judge, has left on record his opinion, "That when hounds run hard over a big country, no man can take a line of his own and live with them better." That is as to hunting. In regard to shooting he says: "When the wind has been blowing hard, often have I seen His Royal Highness (now His Majesty) knocking over driven grouse and partridges and high-rocketing pheasants in first-rate workmanlike style." Then he refers to his being a good yachtsman, to his interest in cricket, and his encouragement of racing. It is to this latter aspect that we are about to give particular attention, but one cannot help devoting a few sentences to his position in other branches of sport. As a shot he has not only distinguished himself on English moor and covert, but at the famous tiger-hunt given in his honour in Nepaul, by Sir Jung Bahadur, made the record of shooting six tigers, and also acquitted himself to admiration in the kindred sports of cheetah-hunting and pig-sticking. Among less dangerous amusements, he was always a good billiard player, and in late years has taken keenly to golf. Quite recently he has had a new course laid out in the Home Park at Windsor. His record day with the gun was December 31st, 1885, when, at Sandringham, ten guns accounted for 3,000 head of game, of which 1,200 were pheasants. He is a very cool and steady gun, and the same qualities distinguish him as a yachtsman, and have brought him successfully out of many dangerous moments.



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One has to go to Sandringham fully to appreciate how splendidly the King answers to our conception of what a great country gentleman and sportsman should be. But the estate is far from being managed with an exclusive eye to his own interests and amusements. No landlord in this country is more solicitous for the welfare of all classes than the King. He is keenly alive to the interests of his labourers, and has built excellent cottages for them, and formed a club that is worthy of imitation anywhere. Sport is but one of his interests. From

another article it will be seen how keenly he is devoted to all farming interests, to his herd of Jerseys, his famous shorthorns, his Highland steers, and his Shire horses. So many winning mares and stallions have come from the last-mentioned stud that the effect of the marshland and the breezes from the Wash has almost become proverbial. They seem to have affected the thorough-breds to an equal degree, and that stud has become one of the most important in the country. It was founded about fifteen years ago amid some despondent prognostications, for the low-lying marshy country did not seem very favourable for the breeding of race-horses. However, nothing succeeds like success, and the results have quite upset the omens of the prophets of evil.

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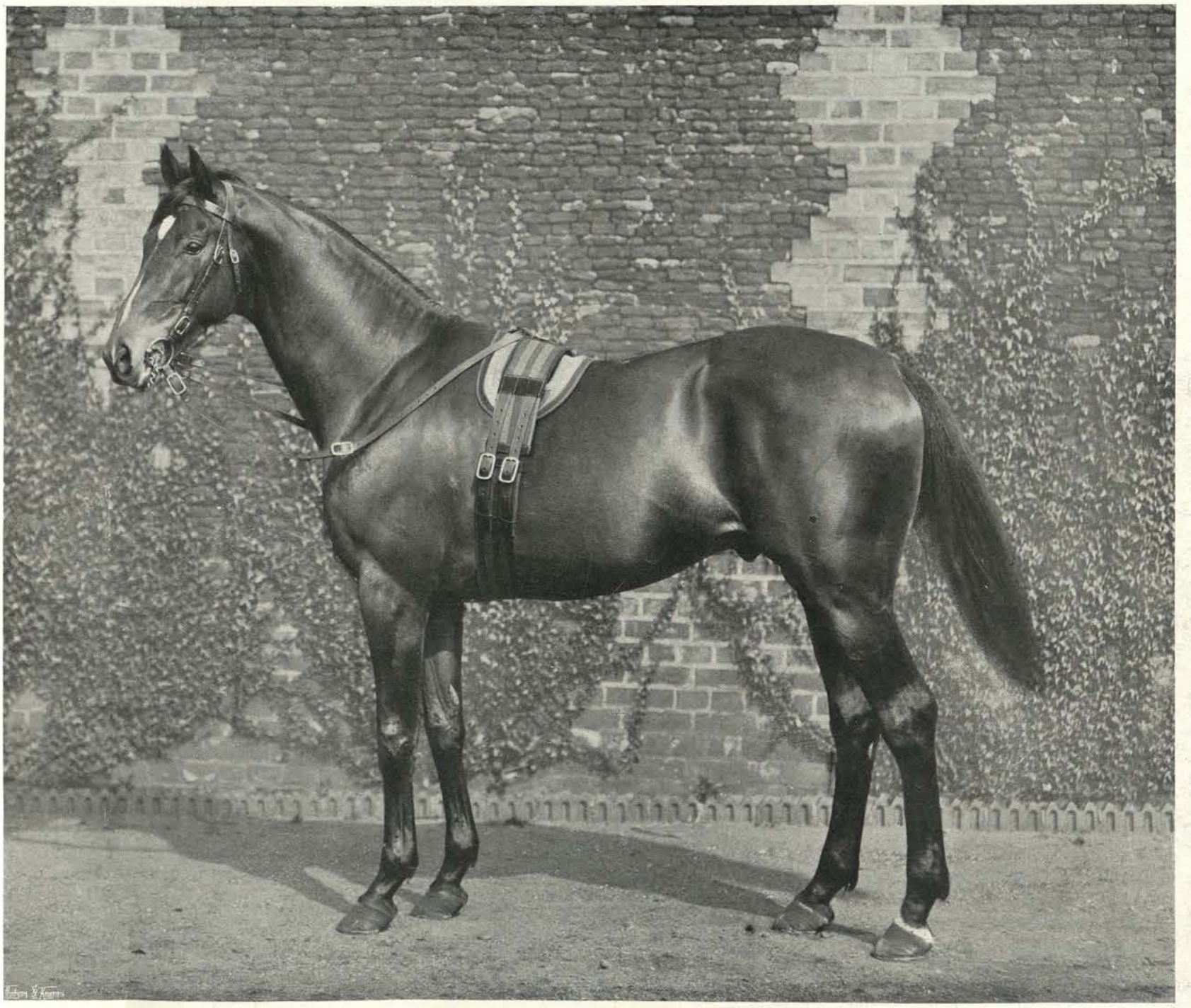
(Persimmon leading Diamond Jubilee.)

The Wolferton Stud, where Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee now stand, is practically devoted to them, the other members of the stud being kept at Sandringham, three miles distant, but proximity to the railway station and other advantages favour the place for the purpose intended. The establishment dates from 1897, the year after Persimmon's great victory. Here the Hackney stud was kept until its dispersal this year. Now there is accommodation for thirty-five mares, and this is being greatly extended. Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee have had boxes erected for them, high, spacious, and padded with cowhide. Close at hand is the covered in yard, roofed with frosted glass, padded throughout, and floored with tan. In the main yard are the boxes for the mares, which boxes, like everything else at Wolferton, are thoroughly up-to-date, and furnished with the latest contrivances, the foaling boxes especially being most admirably arranged to secure the comfort not only of the mares, but of their attendants, while the telephone is at hand to summon the stud groom and the veterinary surgeon in case of emergency.

It is scarcely necessary here to dilate on the performances of the three great stallions who have done so much for the reputation of Sandringham. Persimmon won £34,706 in stakes as the result of only nine appearances on the race-course, in all



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but two of which he was successful. His greatest achievements were, of course, the winning of the Derby and the Ascot Gold Cup; but as a two year old he had carried off the Coventry Stakes at Ascot, and the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood. In addition to the Derby, he won as a three year old the Doncaster St. Leger and the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket; and in 1897, besides the Ascot Gold Cup, he carried off the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park. Of his offspring, the most distinguished has so far been Sceptre, for which Mr. Sievier paid 10,000 guineas as a yearling. These pages must go to press before Derby Day, but after her fine performance for the Two Thousand and the One Thousand Guineas it is believed among racing men that nothing except the fickleness of her sex in the leafy month of June will prevent her from winning the blue ribbon of the Turf.

Diamond Jubilee is almost as popular a sire as his celebrated brother, and promises to be quite as successful a stud horse. Few who recollect the extraordinary display of temper he made on a well-remembered day when he threw his jockey and bolted, and a few minutes after was seen docilely licking the hand of Jones, whom alone he seemed to fancy, would expect to see how much he has sobered down and become manageable. He won in stakes £29,985 10s. for his owner, his chief victories being, as a two year old, the Boscawen Stakes, £1,200; and as a three year old the Two Thousand Guineas, £4,700, the Newmarket Stakes, £3,425 10s., the Derby, £5,450, the Eclipse Stakes, £9,285, and the St. Leger, £5,125. About thirty mares have been selected for him for his first season—the fee is the same as that for Persimmon—and he bas every appearance of begetting first-rate racing stock.

It may be useful here, while we are between Wolferton and Sandringham, to give a brief review of His Majesty's career on the Turf. One may say it has lasted for twenty-two years, since it was in April, 1880, that his colours were first seen on a race-course, "the purple, gold braid, scarlet sleeves, black velvet cap, with gold fringe," being carried to victory by Captain Wentworth Hope Johnstone upon Leonidas II. in a military steeplechase at Aldershot. The colours had been registered for some time before, but were only seen at steeplechases till June 4th, 1886, when at Sandown the late Fred Archer won a maiden plate on Counterpane, a daughter of Hermit. The victory of Persimmon at Epsom, which produced one of the wildest scenes of excited enthusiasm ever witnessed on a Derby Day, was the culminating point, though the victories of Diamond Jubilee and Ambush II. have been almost equally well received. His Majesty's best years were 1891, when his winnings were £4,148; 1894, when they were £3,499; 1896, when he was second with £26,819; 1897, when they came to £15,770; 1898, when they were £6,560; and 1900, when they reached the grand total of £29,585. These figures are sufficient in themselves to show that a clear and cool brain has been behind everything here as in all else attempted by the King. Originally the stud was formed under the advice and superintendence of John Porter, and the training stables were at Kingsclere; latterly the management has been committed to the very competent hands of Lord Marcus Beresford and Richard Marsh. Edmund Walker, at one time stud groom to Fred Archer, has charge of the stud farm. Among the things done by John Porter, one of the most fortunate was the purchase of that grand brood mare Perdita II., dam of the three greatest Sandringham horses—Persimmon, Diamond Jubilee, and Florizel II. She died in 1899 after giving birth to Nadejda, a black filly from whom great things are still expected. Her death occurred at the Welbeck Stud, where she had gone on a visit to St. Simon, the sire of her three most distinguished foals, and seemed to come about from what we call in men senile decay, for although she was only eighteen years old, she had done so much breeding as well as racing, that she was older than her years. She was by Hampton out of Hermione, by Melbourne out of La Belle Hélène, by St. Alban.

There are eighteen brood mares at Sandringham, and the greatest things are expected of Laodamia. We give a picture of her and her foal by Persimmon. On the death of Mr. W. W.

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Fulton, she was purchased by Lord Marcus Beresford for the Royal Stud at a price of 3,500 guineas. This was not so much, however, as was given for Vane, sister to Flying Fox, for whom 4,300 guineas was paid; Wheatley, a smart little mare, was bought for 1,800 guineas; Spyglass cost 1,550 guineas, and Rose Madder 1,000 guineas. The following is a list of the mares now at Sandringham: Leveret, by Galopin out of Sacrifice, by Hampton; Courtly, out of Little Lady, by Hampton out of Rosicrucian; La Carolina, by Sterling out of Cherry Duchess, by The Duke; Laodamia, by Kendal out of Chrysalis, by Lecturer; Mousme, by St. Simon out of Fanchette, by Speculum; Pierrette, by Mask out of Poetry, by Petrarch; Meadow Chat, by Minting out of Stone Clink, by Speculum; Vane, by Orme out of Vampire, by Galopin; Tears of Joy, by Amphion out of Merry Dance, by Doncaster; Cheveronny, by Timothy out of Chevaliere, by Dutch Skater; Wheatley, by Orme out of Horace, by Hermit; Rose Madder, by Rosebery out of Madrigal, by Mandrake; Spyglass, by Royal Hampton out of I Spy, by Speculum; Fanchette, by Speculum out of Reticence, by Vespasian; Nunsuch, by Nunthorpe out of La Morlaye, by Doncaster; Azeeza, by Surefoot out of Perdita II., by Hampton; Red Enamel, by Arbitrator out of Levity, by Bend Or; Chatelaine, by Bend Or out of Chanoinesse, by Newminster.

There are in the stud nine yearlings, of which probably the bay colt by Persimmon out of Laodamia has the brightest future in front of him. Other two colts by the same sire are respectively out of Meadow Chat and La Carolina, both promising youngsters, though La Carolina's son takes the eye rather more than the other. We show a photograph of the colt by Orme out of Leveret, who shows a family resemblance to his renowned sire. A bay colt from Azeeza by St. Simon is a little backward, but may pick up as his relation did as a two year old. There are four fillies, comprising the first-born of Nunsuch by Persimmon, a chestnut by the same sire out of Fanchette, a brown filly by Florizel II. out of Eventail, and a chestnut filly by Persimmon out of Merrie Lassie, who died a few weeks after foaling. In these, if we mistake not, will be found abundant means of sustaining the great reputation already achieved by the King's stables, and it need scarcely be said that under Messrs. Walker's excellent management they are all in the very pink of condition. This outline, vague as it is, will give some idea of the excellence of King Edward's thorough-bred stud. It has taken no account of Florizel II., who, after doing so well on the course, became, in his first year at the stud, the sire of two such horses as Doricles and Volodyovski. He stands at the Heath Stud Farm, Newmarket, which, as need hardly be said, is under the control of Lord Marcus Beresford, and his success is another tribute to the merits of Perdita II., the star of Sandringham. She is buried there, and we understand that a monument is to be erected to her memory, with an inscription setting forth the deeds of her progeny. Never did mare more thoroughly merit such an honour. And the best we can wish the King as a sportsman is that he may soon come to possess a worthy successor to her.

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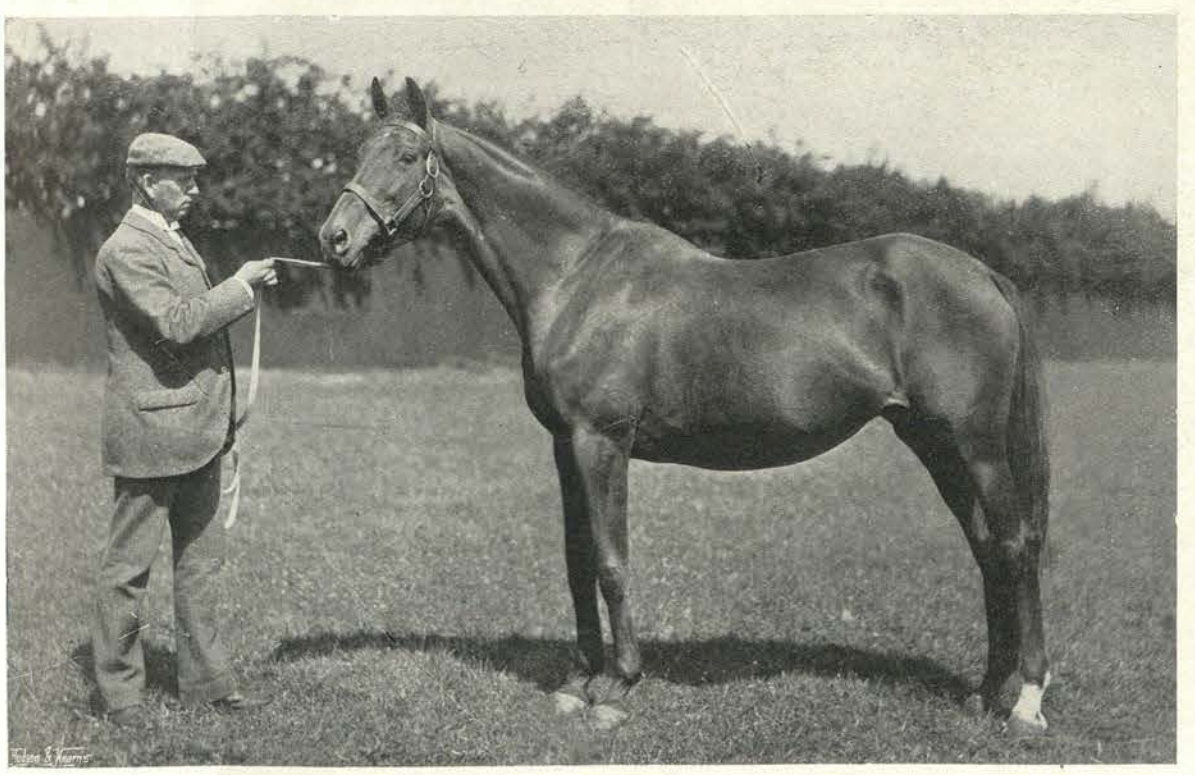

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Sporting men will be interested to see a photograph of the fine old mare whose progeny has shed such lustre on the King's stable, and the two photographs of Persimmon, which exhibit that grand horse first as he was in his early stud days, and then as he appears now. It will readily be agreed that the sea air agrees very well with his constitution, and that he is in the pink of condition.

COVNTRY HOMES.

SANDRINGHAM,

THE COUNTRY HOME OF . .

H.M. KING EDWARD VII.

IT is matter of no common gratification to be able to produce at this interesting moment in the lives of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, and for that matter in the national life also, the very beautiful and complete series of pictures of the interiors of rooms at Sandringham House which are the excuse for and the cause of this article. Of them it is not much to say that they illustrate, with a fulness unexampled as yet, the actual surroundings of the King and Queen in that most pleasant country home in Norfolk, which has been theirs since they were first married nearly forty years ago. Of some owners of great estates and huge houses it has been said, often and but too truly, that they have many palaces but no home; but that most certainly cannot be said of the King and Queen, who have made Sandringham and Marlborough House, both of them, into real homes in which is to be traced not merely the handiwork of this or that servant, but the influence of the personal taste of the master and of the mistress. If the question arose whether Marlborough House or Sandringham was to be placed first in the affections of the family during the period preceding the King's accession, it would have to be said that there is authority for stating that Marlborough House was regarded as home, *par excellence;* but there is certainly no doubt that both the King and Queen are very deeply attached to the beautiful house and estate in East Anglia, which, through the wisdom of the Prince Consort, was purchased out of the savings of the minority of the Prince of Wales of the last half of the nineteenth century.

One might almost say that Sandringham has everything in its favour. It is approached through natural moorland, well-planted but not over-planted with conifers and other trees, up a sharp hill from which there is a fine prospect of the Wash. A better tract of land for keeping together a great head of game and for showing it in a sportsmanlike fashion it would be impossible to conceive, and the King and the Prince of Wales, keen and excellent shots as both of them are, never get better shooting than is shown to them at home. The air is perfect and very bracing. The park is well timbered, and the trees on either side of the road leading to Dersingham are particularly fine. Finally, Sandringham is a house and a home, not a palace, and

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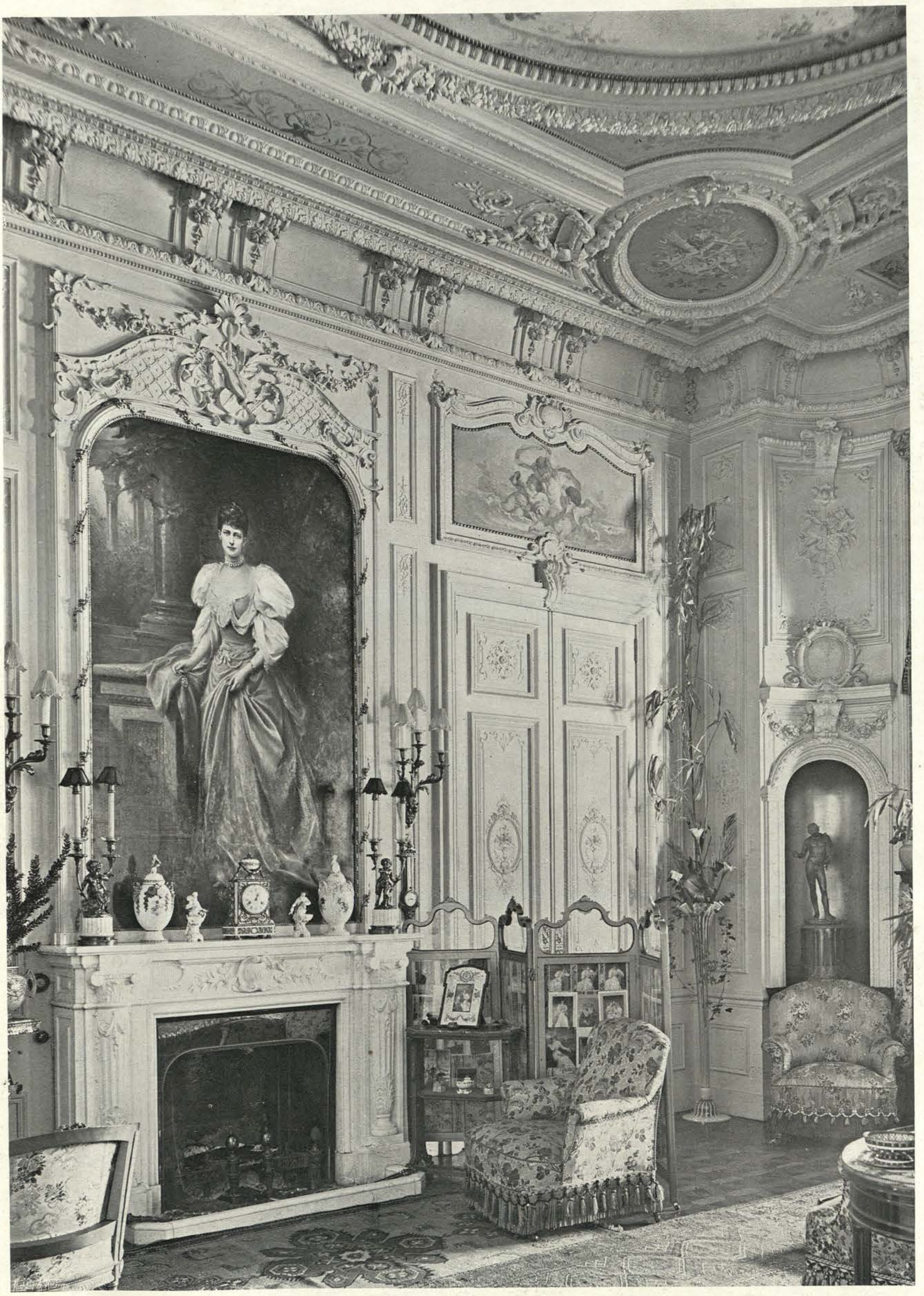

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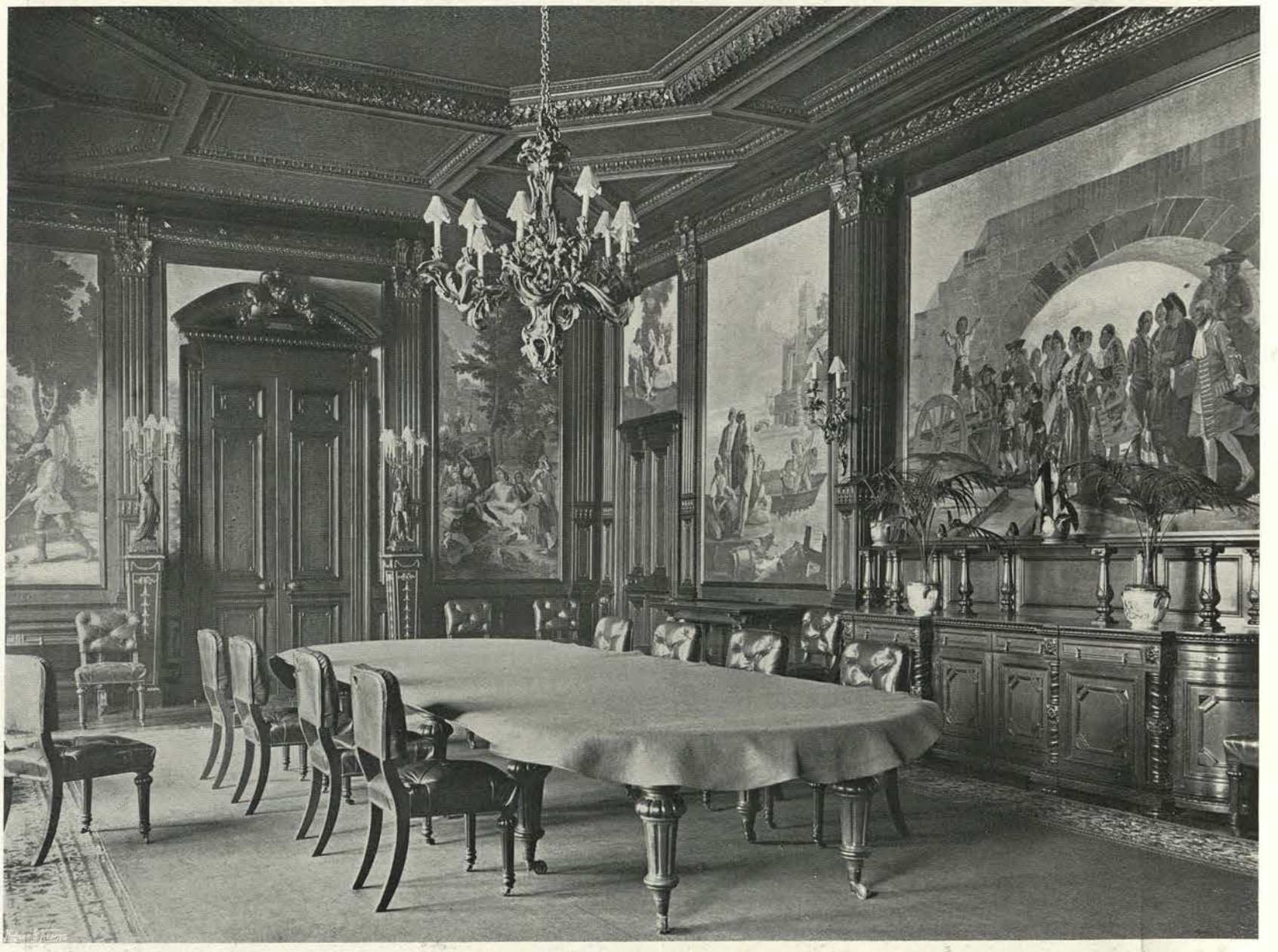
it is at Sandringham that both King and Queen have elected to keep those dear concernings of their lives which are the things which make home a reality. There they are the squire and the lady of the manor. There they obtain as near an approach to rest and quietness as their exalted rank permits them to enjoy at any time. There those to whom is accorded the rare privilege of inspecting the rooms in which the King and Queen spend their most homelike days may see a hundred traces of their presence and their predilections.

In the whole certain special characteristics are noticeable. First, both King and Queen, particularly the former, of course, have been great travellers and collectors while they travelled. There is not a corner in the house, not a passage or a corridor, which is not full of mementoes of these days of travel. Literally it seems as if, when more interesting objects are collected, as they surely will be, there will be no sort of place to put them in. Next, of mere splendour there is not much, but of substantial comfort there is a great deal. Finally, "sweetness and light," to borrow Matthew Arnold's phrase without applying it quite in his way, are the keynotes of the arrangements of the house. The sunlight penetrates everywhere, the rooms are bathed in it. Every room leaves on the mind an abiding conviction of shining purity, which is helped not a little by the numerous statues in white marble, particularly in the drawing-rooms, which open one into another. Then there are flowers and plants in every place where room can possibly be found for them, stately palms in the flower court, cut flowers and plants without number in the drawing-rooms, so that the air is sweet, but by no means heavy, with their scent. In a word, Sandringham is not grand; it is not meant so to be; but it is essentially and emphatically bright and comfortable.

During these recent days the favourite room in the whole house is one which does not appear in these pictures, for, although they have not been taken long, it was not yet complete when they were taken. It is known as the new library. In days gone by it was the bowling alley. It is a long room on the ground floor, as might be guessed from the fact that it was the bowling alley. It is flooded with light from numerous windows looking west, and over a sunk lawn meet for croquet or bowls, and also over the lake, on which skating is enjoyed in winter. In passing, it may be remembered that the Queen, as might be expected of a Danish maiden, was a skilful skater as a young woman, and that she was on the ice at Virginia Water within a few hours of the birth of Prince Albert Victor. The wall of this delightful room opposite the windows is completely lined with well-selected and well-bound books, far and away the best adornment that can be given to any room, and other book-cases, standing at right angles to the outer wall and between the windows, divide the whole into three parts. A more inviting room, or series of rooms, it would be difficult to conceive, and it is not in the least surprising to learn that the family spend a great deal of time in it. Canon Hervey, the rector of Sandringham, whose church and rectory are within the park and close at hand, performs the duties of librarian, and in the centre of the great book shelves which line the side of the room is a little box containing tickets to be filled up by visitors who may wish to borrow books, with an accompanying table of instructions, for the King is, as is generally known, remarkably methodical in his habits, and it is to this quality, combined with his powers of early rising, that he owes his extraordinary capacity for accomplishing an almost superhuman quantity of work.

Since there is no particular reason for describing the other rooms in the house in any order of precedence, perhaps it may be just as well to take them in the order in which they were visited by the representative of COUNTRY LIFE, under the kindly guidance of Mrs. Butler, the Sandringham housekeeper. First came the ballroom, which is really noble in its proportions. Over the musicians' gallery was hanging then, as in the picture, a magnificent white tiger skin presented to the King by the Maharaja of Kutch Behar. In position, too, were the colours, which are also to be seen in the picture, but of the trophies of the chase there were some more, hanging, as a matter of fact, over the balustrade immediately over the head of the man in armour who is in the left-hand corner of the picture. These were furs which had been brought home by the present Prince of Wales from his Imperial tour. One noticed, too, that the clock on the mantelpiece was, to all appearance, half-an-hour fast, and the fact of the matter is that Sandringham (where there are a very large number of clocks, for the King is the soul of punctuality) is deliberately kept half-an-hour ahead of Greenwich. Time was when this practice was regarded as a kind of harmless eccentricity on the part of the squire of Sandringham. But a few years ago, when the German Emperor was his uncle's guest during a shooting party, and the ubiquitous and ever-curious journalist indulged himself in speculations and witticisms concerning the meaning of this practice, it was thought worth while to explain it. The reason is very simple. It is that the King and Prince of Wales are both of them eager sportsmen, that winter days



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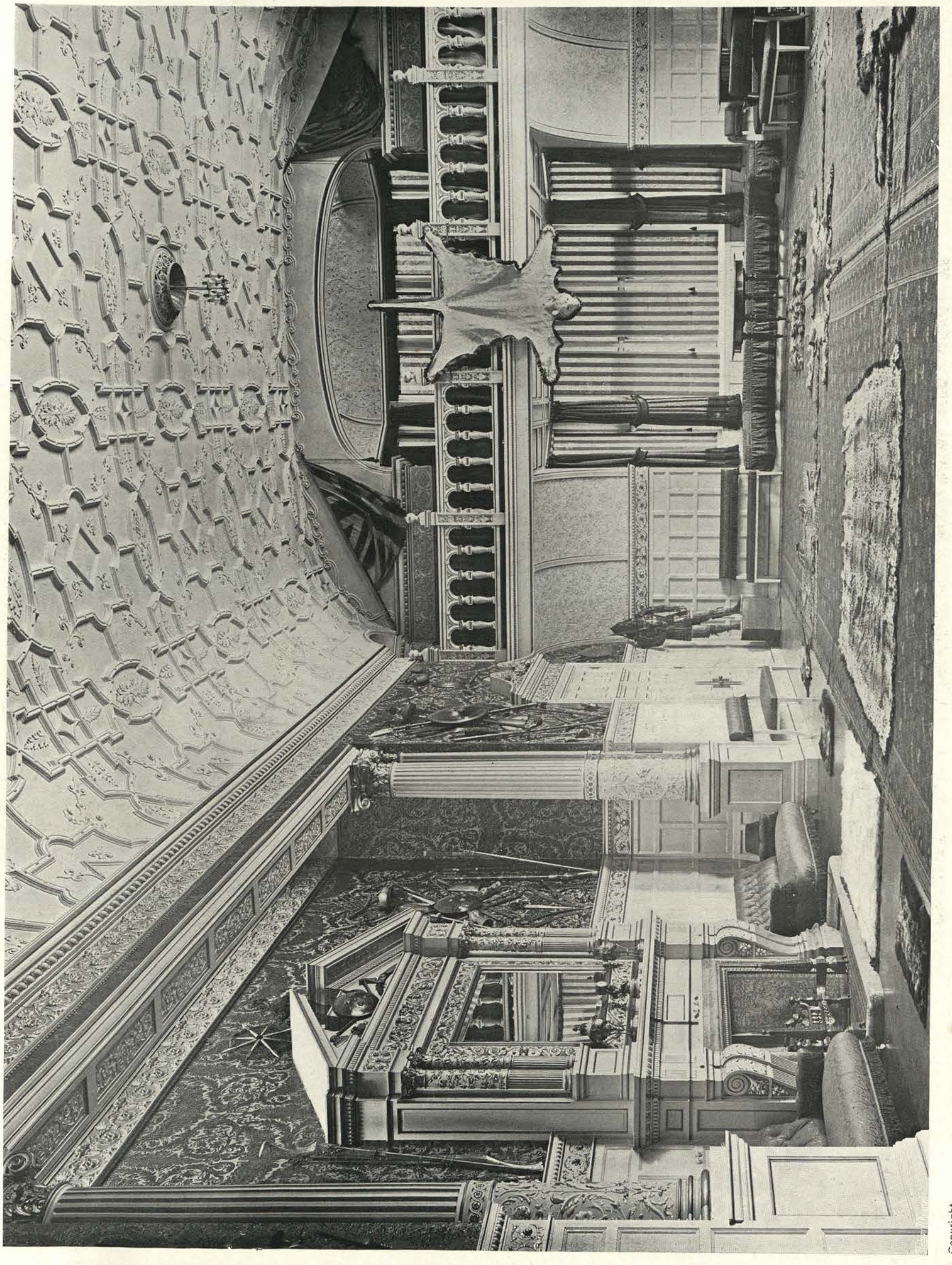

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are short, and there is a tendency for shooting parties to begin so late as to waste a large portion of the day. Therefore guests and visitors to Sandringham were early given to understand that at Sandringham, Sandringham time was kept. If they were asked to assemble at a given rendezvous for shooting at ten, that really meant—and still means—half-past nine; and so you get half-an-hour more of daylight.

For the rest, the ballroom needs scarcely more of description than the picture gives to the eye; but it is perhaps permissible to point out that the armour and weapons on the walls, collected by the King during his travels in the East, are of quite exceptional beauty, and the woodwork, particularly that of the floor, which is, of course, all-important in a ballroom, is of unusually sound and workmanlike quality. Indeed, this may be a convenient moment for saying that all through the house the oak is far better, sounder, and more completely seasoned than in any house of even date known to the writer. As the light shows, there is a large window immediately opposite the fireplace, and by it stand, invisible in the picture, some camel-drums, reminiscences of the Soudan, presented by Lord Kitchener, and the gorgeous caparison of the elephant ridden by the King when, as Prince of Wales, he was present at a great occasion of State in India.

Immediately opposite the musicians' gallery, occupying the position of one who is looking at the picture, is a curious stained-glass window. Now, at first sight it might seem that a stained-glass window was out of place in a ballroom, which, in the nature of things, is generally used at night; for it is a commonplace of observation which any reader may verify next time he happens to attend Evening Service, that when there are lights inside a building the beauty of a stained-glass window is completely lost to those who are themselves inside the edifice; but thought has been given to this point also, and there is an ingenious arrangement of light behind the stained-glass window, so that it is capable of being illuminated for the benefit of the eyes of the dancers. It may be mentioned in passing that the

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ceiling of the saloon of the Royal yacht Ophir was illumined in the same way. Above this window, again, are tattered colours, each with its history.

Hardly less interesting than the ballroom are its anteroom and corridor, of which the latter is very long. In the anteroom is Mr. Herbert Johnstone's well-known picture of the King engaged in tiger shooting. In the corridor is Emil Adam's picture of the King shooting in Austria. As for the corridor itself, it is a veritable museum, full of very fine armour and weapons, and remarkable for a large collection of ivory tusks, some of them exquisitely carved. Here, too, are busts in white marble of various members of the Royal Family.

Of the dining-room the picture gives as good an impression as it is possible for photography to render. The feature of the room is the tapestries, which come out very well in the photograph—perhaps, indeed, even a little better than is their due. Beautiful work as they are, they were a present from the King of Spain, but their colouring was originally somewhat crude. As time has gone on, however, they have mellowed not a little, and they now impart real character to the room. In a few years they will be better still. Here, again, the excellent quality of the woodwork is very noticeable, and above the fireplace, which is immediately opposite the door and out of sight, is a most perfect stand of armour.

The pictures of the various drawing-rooms, of which the particularly handsome ceilings are a marked feature, will, no doubt, possess a special interest for our readers, for they are full of evidence of the personal tastes of Queen Alexandra, whose portrait by Edward Hughes is their proudest ornament. Mr. Hughes is no Gainsborough, but in the production of what may be called "pleasant family likenesses" he is without a rival; and this particular portrait of Queen Alexandra is one of the most successful that he has ever done. Generally throughout the drawing-rooms is to be traced, in addition to the "sweetness and light" of which mention has been made before, the set policy of preferring those pictures which have associations to

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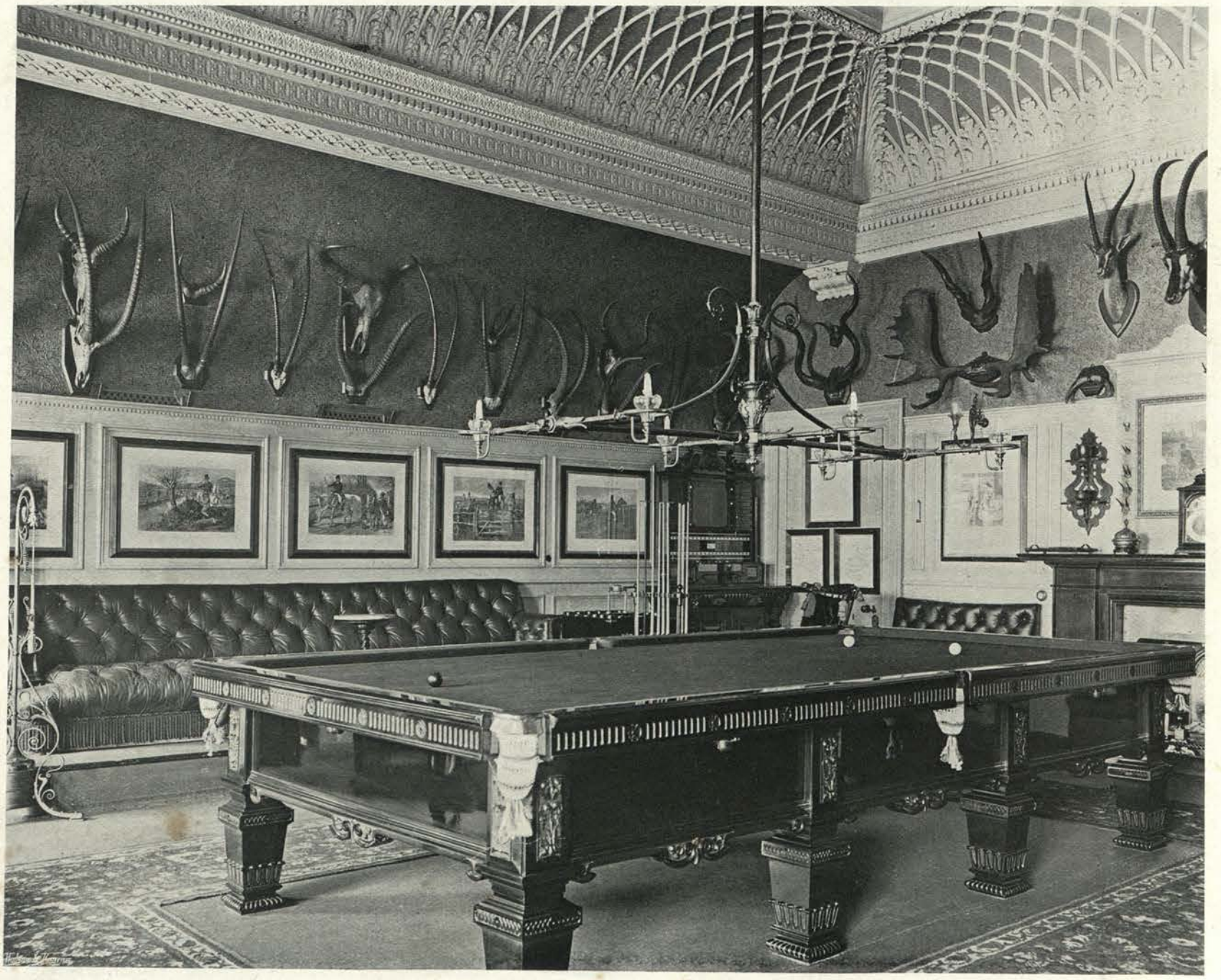
those which have merely artistic merit. There is, for example, a huge picture of the marriage of Princess Charles of Denmark, which occupies a very prominent position. Of this picture it is said that it grows upon those who know it, and certainly in the matter of plain portraiture it leaves little to be desired. There is also Winterhalter's picture of Queen Victoria, a good likeness. Almost put aside are Sir Edwin Landseer's portrait of himself with two dogs, which is quite in his best manner, and a famous picture by Mr. Val Prinsep. Photographs there are without number, and flowers in great profusion. In the drawing-rooms (that is the way to describe them, for they open into one another) is a great deal also of Danish china, remarkable for its fine glaze and purity of design; but the most striking things about the drawing-rooms are the numerous collections in show tables and in cabinets, not only of china, but also of pretty little curios. Of the Dresden china, one picture gives a good idea, and it can readily be imagined that a little model in Dresden china of a bureau or chest of drawers, all of which open and shut as if they were real, will be found particularly attractive. Very fascinating, too, are endless little green frogs with ruby eyes, and dogs' heads and jewelled heads for umbrellas or parasols, and countless white elephants and pigs which are to be found in the rooms. Among the statues are two very pretty "Bathing



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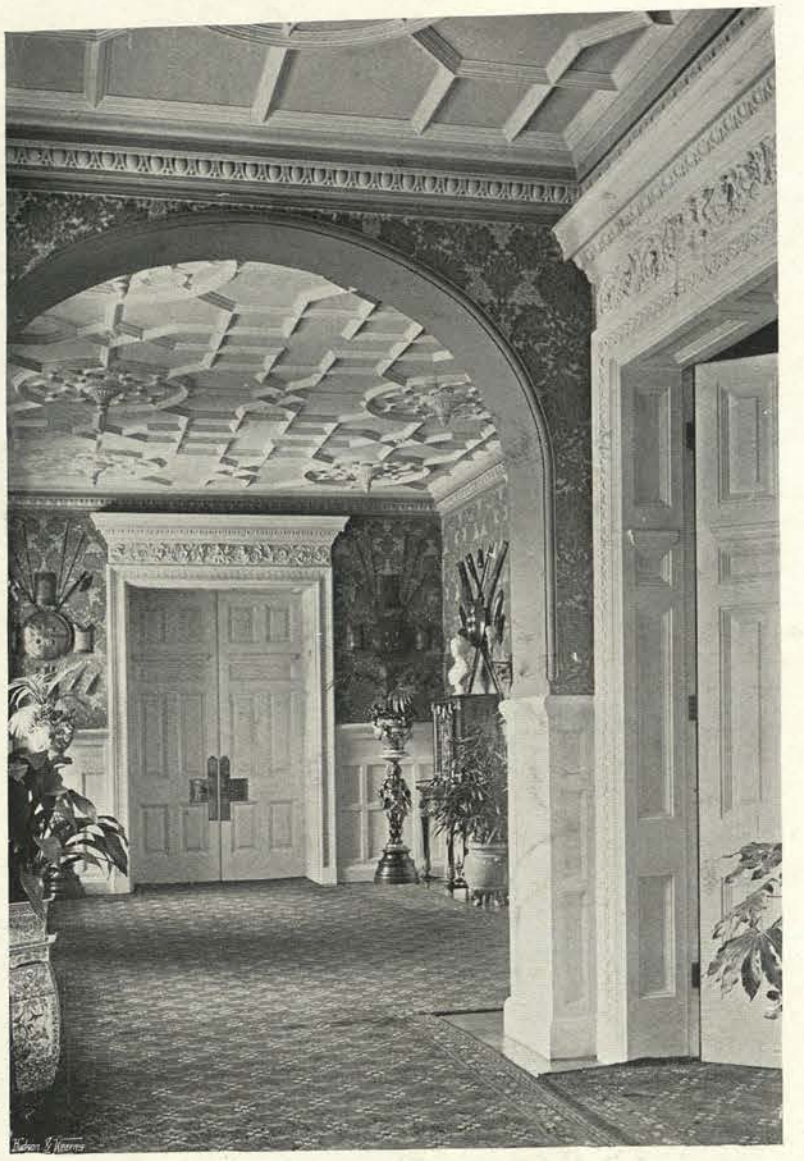

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Girls " by Madam J. Jerichaud, "Cupid Blindfolding Venus," and a "Puck on a Toadstool." Mention must also be made of a magnificent portrait of the Empress of Russia and of a very striking collection of miniatures, including one beautiful "Charles the First." In fact, the drawing-rooms are emphatically the Queen's rooms. Outside, and looking on to the terrace, is a space sheltered by an awning, which is frequently used for afternoon tea.

The hall, or saloon, is, as the picture proves to the eye at once, an emphatically noble room, lofty and well-proportioned. A huge brown bear, stuffed and standing on his hind legs, salutes the visitor as he enters, and over the door is an inscription simply stating that the house was built by the King and Queen Alexandra in 1870, that is to say, it was rebuilt then. Here, too, are numerous trophies of the chase, including (besides the splendid heads that are seen) the fierce head of a Chillingham bull which fell to the King's rifle years ago, and two wicked-looking bears' heads. The pictures include a pathetic portrait of the late Duke of Clarence and the present Prince of Wales in their midshipmen's uniforms, and an excellent portrait of Dean Stanley, who,

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it will be remembered, was closely associated with the King during his tour in Egypt and in the Holy Land, and was often at Sandringham later. Of one of Dean Stanley's visits to Sandringham, during the Easter following the tour in Palestine, he has himself left a most touching account, in which he describes how Queen Alexandra was instructed by him in the little differences between the Danish and the Anglican communion services. Prominent, too, is a picture of Bernsdorff, which was Queen Alexandra's home, and another of Copenhagen. Indeed, throughout the house is abundant evidence that the Queen never forgets that she is a Dane.

Somehow or other there seem to be more long passages or corridors in Sandringham than in most houses, except Osborne, and a week might be spent in merely cataloguing the objects of interest on the walls of any one of them. This is especially true of the billiard-room corridor, which is literally crammed with ivory and trophies of the chase, and all sorts of weapons. There between two Crimean shells stands the shell which was fired into Mafeking on November 9th, 1899, and presented to the King by Captain Gordon Wilson as a birthday present.

There, again, is a very curious collection of odds and ends belonging to the Queen, including the revolver, covered with rust, which "I picked up" in the Crimea in 1869. This was on the occasion, of course, when the King and Queen made their famous cruise in H.M.S. Ariadne, visiting the Sultan and inspecting the field of Alma under the guidance of Dr. Russell, afterwards Sir William Russell, and taking luncheon in a Tartar farmhouse which had been used as a field hospital. Here, too, close by the billiard-room door is a large gong, a present from the East, which is used but once a year to ring out the Old Year and welcome the new one.

The billiard-room itself is quite one of the brightest rooms in the house, and just what a billiard-room should be. All the pictures are sketches by John Leech, and they are all familiar friends—one cannot have too much of John Leech. The trophies here are good, especially the moose heads, some of which are very fine; and a small table near the window, made of rhinoceros hide, cannot fail to attract notice. Here also are Mafeking shells.

Space will hardly permit a detailed description of some of the other rooms of Sandringham; of the North Hall, which contains one piece of exceptionally good oak carving; of the Serapis room, so called because its chairs are the same that were used in the Serapis on the occasion of the King's Indian tour; of the Equerries' rooms, which are in the nature of libraries; of General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C.'s, plain room, in which much hard work is done; of the private telegraph office, the telephone exchange (for the telephone is very much used in the Royal Household); of the Flower Court, where, under the shadow of palm trees, the occupants of Sandringham from time to time may enjoy the post-prandial cigarette. But there remain two rooms of special interest, because they are the special territory of the King. First of them is his library, furnished in oak and dark blue leather, and communicating with the Equerries' rooms, remarkable mainly for its simplicity of equipment and for its air of businesslike order. Here it is that the main part of the King's business is conducted. Finally, a more intimate room, if the phrase may be used, and one of infinite charm, is the King's breakfast-room. It is a room in two parts, so to speak, a room in which are countless personal photographs, many of them in a large and movable oak screen near the door. Noteworthy are the pictures of Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee, and a remarkably fine series of sporting sketches by illustrious English artists, and the whole room breathes the atmosphere of quiet comfort. It is, so to speak, the King's sanctum, in which he breakfasts, usually alone, probably in the inner division, and from the outer part, which looks out on to a lawn, he may often see, as the writer saw when he went down to put these scanty notes together, one of the Prince of Wales's sons trotting past on his pony in the care of a groom. That, indeed, was just the finishing touch which was required to make the writer feel the full value and the responsibility of the right which had been given to him. He was moving through the private rooms in the country home of the King and Queen, looking at the memorials, the pictures, the portraits, and the thousand-and-one knick-knacks which indicated their tastes and recalled many episodes, grave and gay, in their lives, while they were absent. It was a privilege indeed.

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GARDENS OLD & NEW

THE GARDENS AT . . . . . FROGMORE and WINDSOR.

SINCE the time when William the Conqueror laid the foundation of Windsor Castle a succession of English sovereigns has each added to it an expression of his or her individuality, and that of the longest lived of them all lingers there still. Frogmore especially represents the tastes and character of Queen Victoria, just as Sandringham, the place which has, so to speak, grown up under his ownership, represents those of King Edward VII. Already the place is being changed and modified. Throughout her whole life, but especially towards the end, Queen Victoria had the affection of a strong nature for what was old and endeared by long association, so that she was averse to even necessary improvements if they involved the removal of ancient landmarks. And what a great deal Windsor and Frogmore must have been to her! It was her stately and historic home during life, and for long years of widowhood she contemplated sleeping in death side by side with her beloved husband under the mausoleum she had erected to his memory. Set there in stillness amid sombre green trees it suggests Goethe's solemn line, "Stars silent over us, graves under us silent." Within a hundred yards is the tomb of her dear mother, the Duchess of Kent, so that she lived here in daily communion with the dead, pondering often no doubt of the time when she, too, would pass and her bones would rest here, and she become a memory only. "*Vivat Rex!*" we may shout, but here at Frogmore the late Queen seems still to reign. One is shown the simple tea-house where so much of her time was spent. Close to it are two very fine old evergreen oaks, holm or holly oaks as they are sometimes called. Between them and under the shade cast by the dark foliage of their gnarled limbs she used to have her tent put up, and here she received the endless visitors who came about affairs, Cabinet Ministers, diplomatists, and the others who have business with Royalty. As the writer was looking at the place one fine spring day the yaffle was laughing, the cuckoo shouting, and the little birds singing, while early blossoms were out and the sward was white with daisies. One thought of her then not as the aged and wise Monarch to whom we had grown accustomed, but as the fresh girl-Queen who so long ago ascended the throne. She ever delighted in trees, and there are few parts about Frogmore that are not distinguished by extraordinary specimens. There is the beautiful lime avenue,

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one of the finest extant, and in which the upper parts of the trees are thick with bunches of mistletoe—we know of no other place in England where it grows more profusely. Not far from the Duchess of Kent's tomb there are three remarkable trees. One is a maidenhair, Salisburia adiantifolia, said to be the finest of its kind in Europe, and, whether that be so or not, a most graceful and elegant specimen. Another is a towering deciduous cypress, and the third a Californian Thuja gigantea, planted by the Princess Hohenlohe in 1857. Of a curious historical interest is the well-known Luther beech. Its history is written in the tablet placed at its root. "This tree was raised from the beech tree near Altenstem, in the Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen, called Luther's Beech, under which Dr. Martin Luther was arrested and conducted from thence to Wartburg in 1521. The little offshoot was brought to England from Meiningen by King William IV in 1825, and planted by Queen Adelaide near the house at Bushey Park. Her Majesty bequeathed it in her last will to His Royal Highness Prince Albert, with the request that it might be transplanted into the enclosure at Adelaide Cottage."

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This was successfully done in 1856. Queen Adelaide's Cottage was originally a keeper's lodge, but was greatly enlarged and improved. Very pretty and attractive it looked with its surrounding borders of simple spring flowers—primroses, wallflowers, forget-me-nots, and the like, all in the first freshness of their early bloom. From the park many of the dead trees have been removed during the present season, and among them the one that used to be called Herne's Oak. As the late Queen increased in age she grew ever more conservative in her tastes, and scarce would permit even the dead and rotten timber to be removed. Who does not remember the legend

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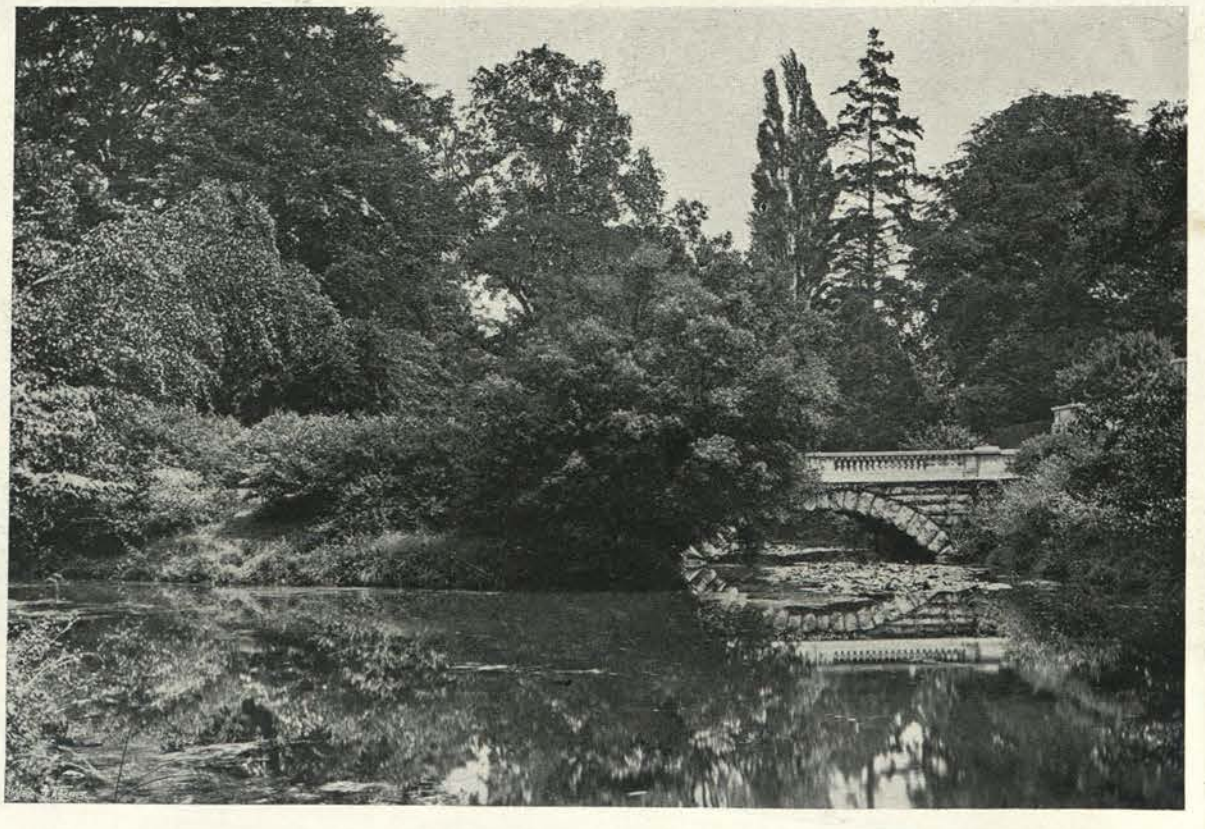
of the oak, of which such clever use was made by the Merry Wives?

"There is an old tale goes, that Herne the hunter,
Sometime a keeper here in Windsor forest,
Doth all the winter time, at still midnight,
Walk round about an oak, with great ragg'd horns;
And there he blasts the tree, and takes the cattle;
And makes milch-kine yield blood, and shakes a chain
In a most hideous and dreadful manner:
You have heard of such a spirit; and well you know,
The superstitious idle-headed eld
Received, and did deliver to our age,
This tale of Herne the hunter for a truth.

The legend has long lost what actuality it ever had, but one could scarcely pass through Windsor Forest without being stirred by memories of Shakespeare's frolicsome play. And many of the ancient venerable oaks stand there much as they did in his time. We had occasion to show in our pages not long ago, by comparing a picture of an oak as it was two hundred years ago with a photograph taken recently, that a couple of centuries can pass over a tree of this kind and not destroy it. No records exist to prove absolutely how old are the oaks in Windsor Forest, but there would not appear to be anything extravagant in the guess that some of them were already growing when William chose that particular spot for a stronghold, because among other reasons it was a convenient position for hunting the tall deer. As a number of the oaks were probably self-sown, it is no extravagant surmise that some of them may be approaching a thousand years of age. In fact, the appearance of some at the present moment is in every way calculated to confirm the conjecture. From the top of the round tower it is said you can look out on bits of thirteen different counties, the prospect resembling one of almost unbroken billowy woodland—proof positive, if any were needed, that the chalk undersoil is extremely favourable to the growth of heavy timber. In the Windsor grounds it is most exuberant, so much so as to obstruct the very fine views that would otherwise present themselves. Queen Victoria appears to have had a great dislike to cutting down anything. A great deal can be said in favour of that. The stillness and seclusion which form the main characteristics of the place gain very



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A MARBLE URN AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

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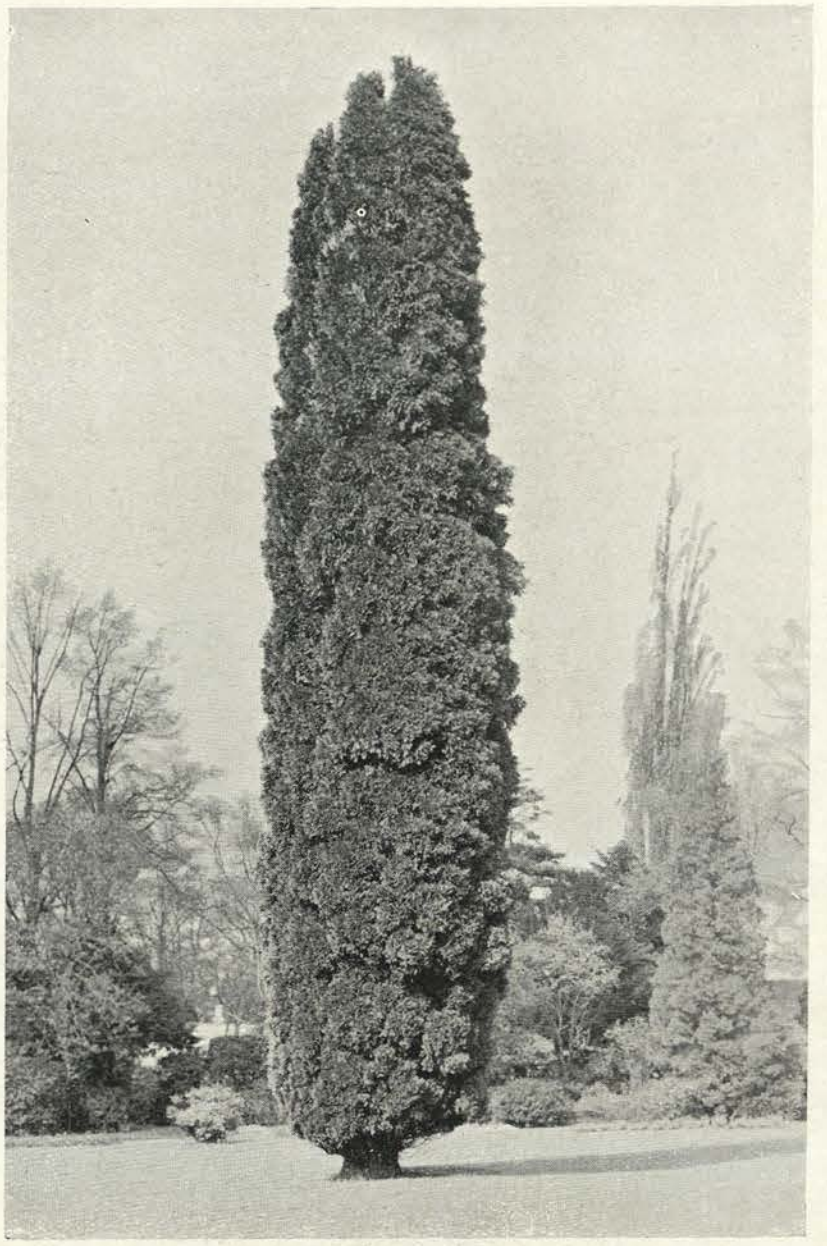
much by it, and these are what she most enjoyed. One sees it in everything she did and left behind her, most of all perhaps in her favourite and private garden. Here the spectator breathes a very old-world air. It is surrounded with thick yew hedges that themselves testify to the clipping and care of several generations—how many or how long it would be difficult to say. Then you come first to tiny flower-plots laid out in the formal simple style of the early Georgian period. Each has its tiny box edging, and the general effect is that one might feel on being carried back for at least two hundred years. Here again the Queen followed her fine conservative instincts, and would allow no modernisation to be attempted. Plot and box edging and yew hedge are to all appearances left exactly as she found them. But the rose garden at the further end has, of course, received the magnificent roses developed by scientific nineteenth century horticulture. The writer did not visit it when the roses were out, so that he must leave the photograph to tell its own tale of what the effect is like. In all the grounds, however, there is nothing more eloquent of the late Queen's tastes than this exquisite private garden. We say exquisite not as implying that it is especially fine and beautiful, but only that it embodies so perfectly the character of the late Queen. You can see in her language as well as in her acts that she loved a direct and simple effect. That was what made her annual sojourn at Balmoral so pleasant. There she was not obliged to keep up the state and ceremony of Windsor, but was more in the position of a private lady. At first blush it may appear that this garden, with its neatness and formality, must have appealed to another side of her nature. It was not so in reality. She accepted it as it had been handed down, and from early youth her eyes had been accustomed to it. Time and long usage had imparted to it a sweetness of their own. And in a garden to which one resorts mainly for privacy, an important object to aim at is the avoidance of all those changes and alterations that tend to distract thought. The eye at such times does not wish to be startled by new beauties; sufficient is it if there is nothing to offend, nothing to disturb the restfulness that forms the greatest of all charms. And it is easy to believe that in this seclusion the widowed Queen, wearied with State business, and escaping for the time from family thoughts and anxieties, found solace and refreshment.

This quiet feeling is very characteristic of Frogmore. The house itself is elegant rather than grand. It was endeared to the Queen by having been so long the residence of her mother, the Duchess of Kent. The estate is an ancient demesne of the Crown, although during the Civil Wars it was sold by Charles I., but was returned to its original owners during the reign of his son Charles II. The house was built by Queen Charlotte, who at her death bequeathed it to the Princess Augusta, who resided there till 1840. The approach is by a semi-circular drive, planted with shrubs, and there are many art treasures within. A very still and pleasing building, it was, as will be remembered, given by the late Queen as a residence to the Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg. The gardens comprise about thirteen acres, and an artificial lake, which we believe was dug out simply for the purpose of finding employment for the labourers in a spell of depression, enhances the beauty of the surroundings. One of the features of the place is formed by the curious "Gothic ruins," of which we give a picture. They were built to a design by Mr. Wyatt, and are extremely interesting indications of a taste that has completely passed away. The "Hermitage," as these ruins are called, has been most dexterously placed in a woody screen overlooking the water, and time is rapidly giving to their make-believe antiquity something of the really old, though the disclosure of London bricks tends somewhat to correct the first impression. It is not possible in the space at our disposal to describe everything, but as our artist has obtained a picture of the Indian Kiosk it may be worth while to explain that it was one of the treasures chosen for the late Queen by Earl Canning, the first Viceroy of India, after the capture of Lucknow in 1858. It came from the Kaiserbagh with the two famous elephants on the East Terrace at Windsor Castle. Most of our readers are probably familiar with the terrace, the beauty of which will be very greatly enhanced in future for the King's guests, since the gallery adjoining is having placed in it the splendid statuary collected by the late Sovereign, and kept by her at Osborne. The workmen were very busy with their task when the writer was there, and the rich statues lay in disorder—nymphs and fauns, French guard and Greek satyr, mortal and immortal—but when set on their pedestals and reduced to order they will form a noble gallery, and may be admired, so to speak, with one eye on the flowers of the garden into which it by many doors opens out. Our picture gives a very fair idea of the formal plots and trim shrubs and neat walks of the terrace, that elsewhere would be almost too precise, though here they are in keeping with the strong, stern lines of the castle that completely dominate every other feature of the landscape.



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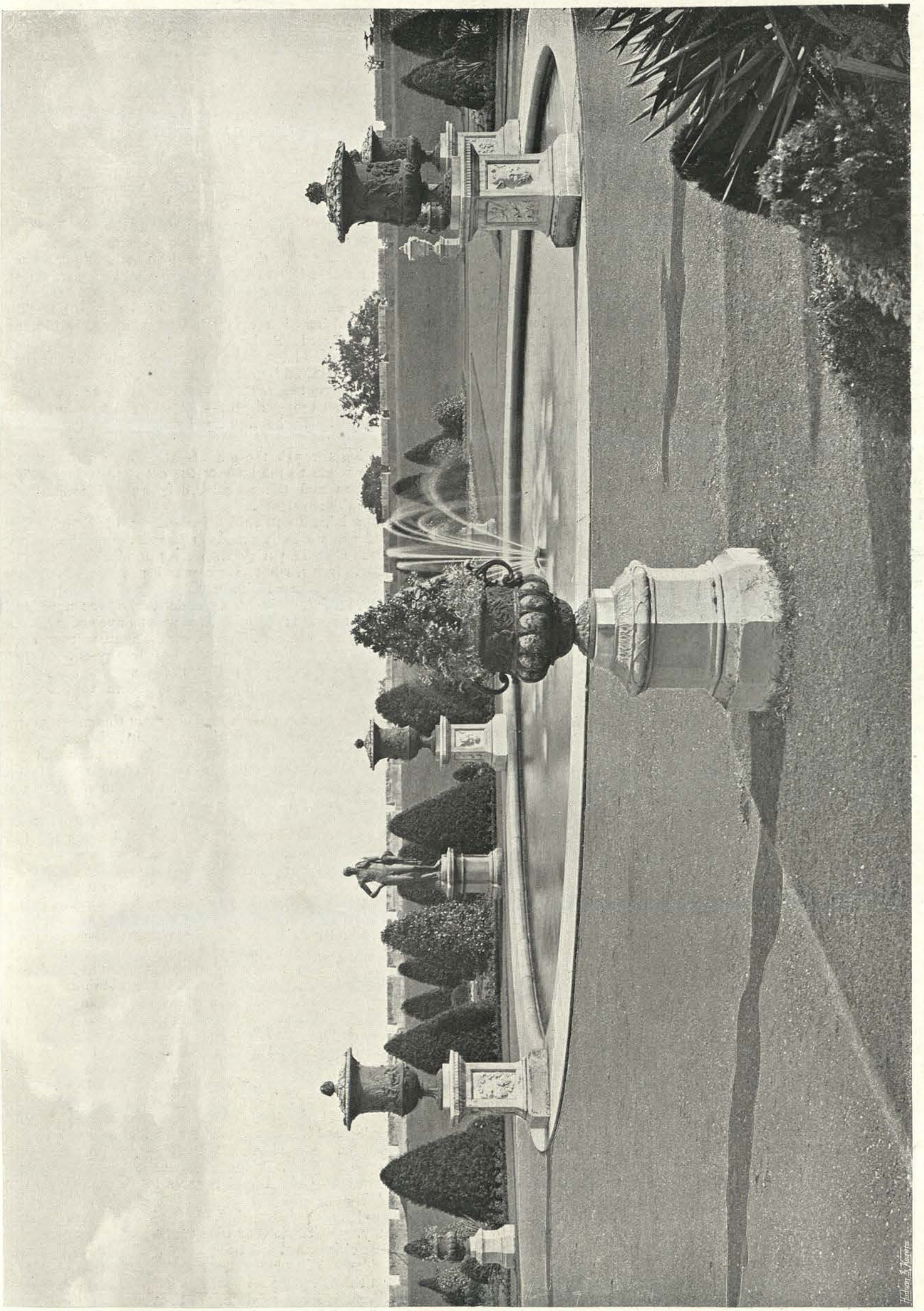

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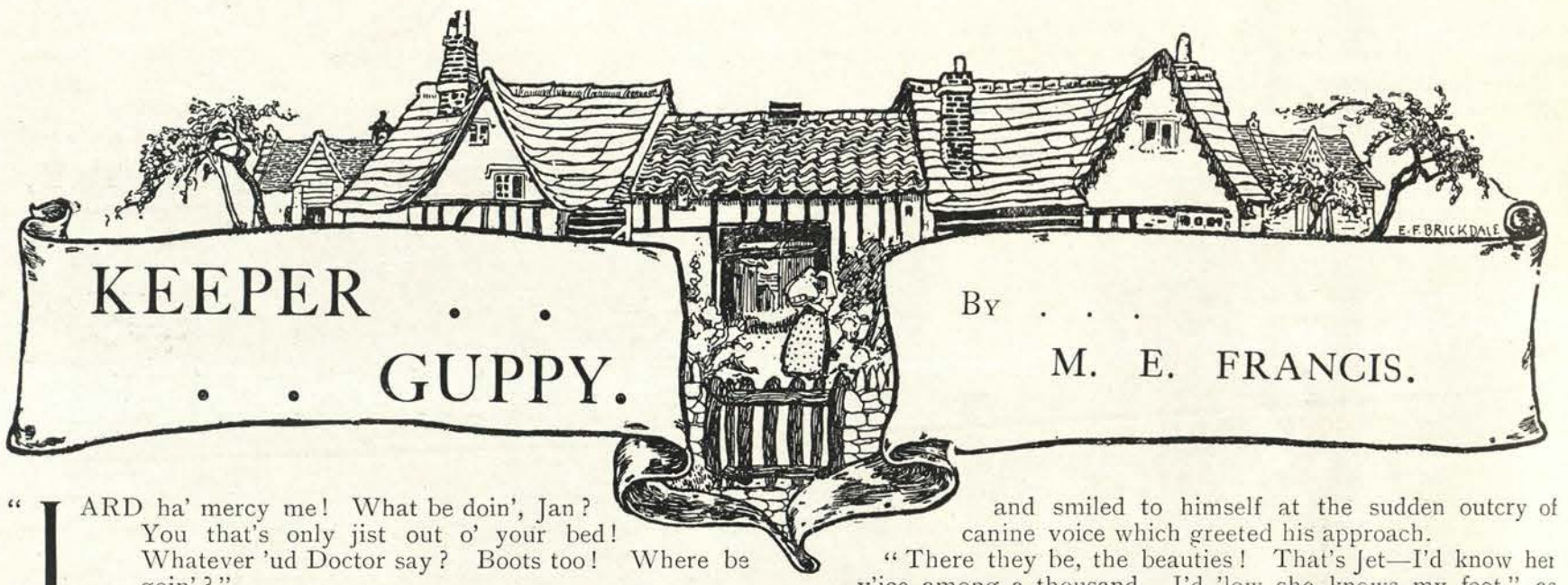

KEEPER . . . . GUPPY.

By . . . M. E. FRANCIS.

"LARD ha' mercy me! What be doin', Jan? You that's only jist out o' your bed! Whatever 'ud Doctor say? Boots too! Where be goin'?"

Old John Guppy cast a lowering glance at his spouse, and continued to button his gaiters in silence. This task concluded, he stretched out his hand and pointed imperatively to the gun slung over the chimney-piece.

"Reach that down," he commanded.

"Ye're never goin' out! You as has been four month and more on your back! What's the use on't? There's a new keeper yonder—new ways, and strangers pretty nigh everywhere. I'd ha' had a bit more sperrit nor to go up there where I bain't wanted."

"I be goin', woman. Squire do pay I money, an' I'll give en his money's worth. I must have an eye to things, or they'll be gettin' in a reg'lar caddle up yon. New keeper, he'll not know so very much about the place, and Jim—he were always a ter'ble sammy—he never did seem to see what was under his nose wi'out I were there to rub it into it."

"Well, but Jan, the bit o' money what Squire gives 'ee is a pension—same as what soldiers an' sick-like do get i' their ancient years. Squire don't expect 'ee to do no more work for en now, and ye be so fearful punished wi' the rheumatics, an' all. No—'Mrs. Guppy,' says Squire to I, so considerate as could be, 'Mrs. Guppy,' he says, 'Jan have served I faithful nigh upon two score year—now he can take a bit o' rest,' he says; 'I've a-made sure as he'll be comfortable in 's old age. The pension 'ull be paid reg'lar so long as he do live,' says he, 'or so long as I do live,' he says, laughin' cheerful-like, 'for 'pon my word, I do think your Jan 'll very likely see I down—he be uncommon tough, so old as he mid be,' says Squire. 'And if I do go first, my son 'ull see as he wants for nothin' in his time,' he says. So let I light your pipe, Jan, my dear, and sit 'ee down sensible like, i' the chimbley corner—'tis the best place for 'ee, good man."

"You can light my pipe, if you like," said John, still gloomily, "but I be goin' up-along all the same. Things 'ull be goin' to ruin if I don't tell 'em how they used to be carried on i' my time."

"I'd 'low ye'll not get so far," said Mrs. Guppy; "but of all the obstinate men—well, there, 'tis a good thing as the A'mighty made half the world o' womenfolk, else everythin' 'ud be fair topsy-turvy."

John wedged his pipe firmly in the corner of his mouth, put his gun under his arm, and, taking his thick stick from the chimney corner, set forth, without vouchsafing any answer; he limped painfully as he walked, and Mrs. Guppy, looking sorrowfully after him, opined that he'd have had enough of it afore he'd gone half a mile. But though she had been wedded to John for thirty-five years, she had not yet learned the quality of his spirit; he uttered many groans as he shambled along, and lifted the poor limb which had so long been well-nigh useless with increasing effort, but he held bravely on his way until he reached his destination, a vast stretch of land, half park, half down, peopled by innumerable rabbits and furnished with copses and plantations, which no doubt afforded cover to game of every kind. Here John paused for the first time, turned his head on one side, clicked his tongue, and jerked forward his gun with a knowing air as a rabbit crossed his path.

"If 't 'ad ha' been loaded I'd ha' made short work o' thee, my bwoy," he remarked. "There don't seem to be so many o' you about as there did used to be i' my time, though—not by a long ways. That there noo chap 'ull ha' let ye go down, I reckon. There bain't many like poor old Jan Guppy—nay, I'll say that for ye, Jan. You was worth your salt while you were about—'e-es, and so long as ye be above ground I'd 'low you'll make it worth Squire's while to keep ye."

Having delivered this tribute to himself with a conscientiously impartial air, he proceeded on his way, and presently came in sight of the keeper's cottage, or rather lodge, set midway in the long avenue which led to the Squire's mansion, and smiled to himself at the sudden outcry of canine voice which greeted his approach.

"There they be, the beauties! That's Jet—I'd know her v'ice among a thousand. I'd 'low she knows my foot," as one voice detached itself from the chorus and exchanged its warning note for a strangled whine of rapture. "She'll break that chain o' hers if they don't let her loose. 'Ullo, Jet, old girl! Hi, Rover! Pull up, Bess!"

All the barks had now ceased, and a pointer came scurrying to the gate, followed by a large retriever.

"There ye be, my lads—too fat, too fat. Ah, they be feedin' o' them too well now—not so good for work, I'd 'low! Poor old Jet! Ye be tied up, bain't ye? There, we'll come to ye."

Passing through the wicket-gate, he was limping unceremoniously round to the back of the cottage, when the door was thrown open and the astonished figure of the keeper's wife appeared in the aperture.

"Mornin', mum," said John, lifting his hand halfway to his forelock, which was his nearest approach to a polite salutation when in parley with folks of Mrs. Sanders's degree. "I be Mr. Guppy, what was keeper here afore your master. I be jist come to take a look about."

"Oh, indeed," said Mrs. Sanders, who was a very genteel and superior person; "my husband would have had great pleasure in taking you round, Mr. Guppy, but he's out just at present."

"No matter for that, mum, I'll go by myself. What, Jet! There ye be, my beauty; dear, to be sure, a body 'ud never think 'twas the same dog. She do seem to ha' fell away ter'ble, mum."

Jet, a curly-coated black spaniel, was at that moment straining wildly at her chain, and wriggling her little black body in such spasms of ecstasy at the sight of her old master that it would have needed a very sharp eye to detect any alteration in her appearance, if, indeed, such existed; but John spoke in a tone of conviction.

"She bain't half the dog she were. What d'you feed her on, mum? Jet, she did used to be dainty—didn't ye, Jet? Her coat do stare dreadful, mum, now don't it? A prize dog didn't ought to have its coat neglected like that. When I had the charge o' she, dally! if I didn't comb and brush her morn an' night, same as if she'd been a young lady. Be dalled if I didn't! Where be your master, mum?"

Mrs. Sanders's face, always somewhat frosty in expression, had become more and more pinched and supercilious during the colloquy, and she now replied extremely distantly that she couldn't say for certain where Mr. Sanders might be, but that very likely he was looking after the young pheasants.

"Ah!" commented John, with interest; "and where mid he ha' got them this year?"

"On this side of the North Plantation," returned the lady unwillingly.

"A bad place, mum, a very bad place; no birds 'ull ever do well there. If he'd a-come to I, I could ha' telled en that. They'll never thrive up yon in that draughty place—no, that they won't; and it'll be too cold for 'em. I'm afeared he'll have a bad season. The North Plantation—dear, some folks doesn't know much! Well, I'll go and have a look at 'em, and if I do see your husband I mid be able to gie en a word or two o' advice."

"Ho! no need for that, I think," cried Mrs. Sanders, wrathfully. "'Tisn't very likely as my husband, wot 'as lived in the fust o' families, and been keeper to a Markis, 'ud want to take advice from an old gentleman like you, Mr. Guppy, as has never left the one place all your life."

"I could have advised en agen the North Plantation, anyhow," said John, stolidly. "Well, I'll wish 'ee good day, mum. I'll be goin' my ways up-along."

And he hobbled off, muttering to himself as he went: "The North Plantation! The chap must be a fool! . . . They poor dogs, they was glad to see I!—jist about; but bain't he a sammy! There he do go and feed up the shooting dogs so as

they be for all the world like pigs, and Jet, what we used to keep same as a little queen, he do seem to take no more notice of nor if she was a cat! Poor Jet! How she did cry to get to I! Well, well! I may be able to put things straight a bit."

Proceeding at his slow pace, the pilgrimage to the North Plantation was a matter of considerable time, and it was noon before he halted at length beside the enclosure where hundreds of tiny pheasant chicks ran in and out of their several coops, with a venturesomeness much deplored by their distracted hen foster-mothers.

A tall, middle-aged man was walking about amid the pens, with a proudly proprietary air which announced him to be the head-keeper.

Guppy wiped the sweat of weakness and fatigue from his brow and uttered a quavering "Hullo!" Mr. Sanders turned and walked majestically towards him.

"What do you want?" he enquired, briefly.

"I be jist come up-along to have a look round," announced John. "I'm Mr. Guppy, what was here afore you. You be in my shoes now, I mid say, but I don't bear 'ee no grudge for't—no, I don't bear 'ee no grudge," he repeated, handsomely.

"Right," said Sanders, who was a good-humoured fel'ow enough, if a little puffed up by the dignity of his position. "Glad to see you, Mr. Guppy. We've got a nice lot here, haven't we?"

"'E-es," agreed Guppy, with a note of reserve in his voice; "'e-es, a tidyish lot; but you'll not bring up the half o' them."

"Won't I, indeed," retorted Sanders, somewhat warmly. "What makes you say that?"

"I could ha' telled 'ee as this here weren't a fit place for young pheasants," returned the ex-keeper, not without a certain triumph. "If you'd ha' come to I, I could ha' telled ye. I've a-been thirty-nine year and nine month i' this place, and I've never put the young pheasants here once—never once. What do you say to that?"

"Well, I say as every man has his own notions," returned the other. "You might have a fancy for one place, as very likely I'd take again, and, on the other hand, you seem to have some notion again this 'ere place as *I* think most suitable."

"Well, ye'll find out your mistake, I'd 'low," said Guppy, unflinchingly. "Done pretty well wi' eggs this year?"

"Yes, pretty well on the whole. We had to buy a few hundreds, but, as I told Mr. ——"

"Buy 'em! Buy eggs! You must ha' managed wonderful bad. I've a-been here nigh upon farty year, and never bought so much as one—not one. Dally! 'Twill come ter'ble expensive for Squire if ye do carry on things that way."

"Something had to be done, you see," cried Sanders, who was now beginning to be distinctly nettled. "You seem to have been such a stick-in-the-mud lot—there was hardly any game about the place that I could see when I come."

"Oh! and weren't there?" retorted John, sarcastically. "Ye must ha' poor eyes, Maister Sanders. There, 'twas what I did used to say to a cousin o' Squire's as used to come shooting here twenty-five year ago, and couldn't hit a haystack. 'There don't seem to be anything to shoot, keeper,' he'd say; and I'd answer back, 'Ye must ha' wonderful poor eyes, sir.' Ho, ho! he were a stuck-up sort o' gentleman as were always a-findin' fault and a-pickin' holes, but I mind I had a good laugh agen him once. 'Twas a ter'ble hot day, and we'd walked miles and miles, and I were a bit done-up at the end, and thankful for a sup o' beer. And he comes up to I, and says, laughin' nasty-like, 'Well, Guppy, you don't seem much of a walker. Now, I could go all day.' ''E-es, sir,' says I, 'and so can a postman. I'd 'low your bags 'ad much same weight at the end o' your rounds.'"

Sanders vouchsafed no comment on this anecdote, and John, propping his stick against the paling, proceeded with much difficulty to climb over it, and to hobble from one pen to the other, stooping stiffly to inspect the young birds and the arrangements made for their comfort.

"They big speckly hens is too heavy for these here delicate little fellows," he remarked. "Game hens is the best—'twas what I did always have. 'Tis more in nature as the game hens should make the best mothers to young pheasants. They be a poor-looking lot, Maister Sanders. I did used to have 'em a deal more for'ard at this time o' year. What be feedin' 'em on?"

"Now look 'ere, I'm not going to stand any more o' this," thundered the keeper, fairly losing his temper. "I'm not a-goin' to have you poking and prying about this place no longer. You've got past your work, and I'm doing it now. If the Squire's satisfied, that's all I need think about. If he isn't, he can tell me so."

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"Ha! no man likes bein' found fault with," returned Guppy, sententiously; "but sometimes 'tis for their own good. Now you take a word o' advice from I, what was workin' here afore you was born or thought of very like."

"I'll not, then!" cried the other angrily. "Get out o' this, you old meddler, or I'll report you to the Squire!"

"You did ought to thank I for not reportin' of you," returned John firmly. "The Squire do think a deal o' I—a deal; but I'd be sorry to get a man into trouble as do seem to be meanin' well. You mind my words, keeper, and you'll find as they'll come true—ye'll have a bad season this year, and maybe ye'll be a bit more ready to take advice from them as knows more nor you do. 'Tis the first year, so I'll not be hard on ye."

He had now recrossed the wire, repossessed himself of his stick, and with a nod of farewell at his irate successor, turned his steps homewards.

He spent the rest of that day lamenting the direful changes which had taken place since his own withdrawal from active life, and privately resolved to be astir early on the morrow in order to proceed further with his tour of investigation.

With the first dawn, therefore, of a lovely spring morning,

he left his bed cautiously, dressed in silence, and made his way out of doors. The cottage which he had occupied since his resignation of the keepership was situated at the very end of the village, and as he glanced up the quiet street he could detect few signs of life. No smoke was yet stealing upwards into the still air, no cows lowing in the bartons; the pigeons, indeed, were astir, preening themselves somewhat sleepily, and cooing in a confidential undertone, and the clucking of hens was audible here and there, while more musical bird-voices resounded from trees and hedgerows. The dew lay heavy on the long grass by the roadside, as John set forth. The morning mists had not yet disappeared, and the glamour of dawn still enfolded the world. The dew-washed leaves seemed to be on fire, as they caught the rosy rays of the morning sun; every little wayside pool gleamed and glittered. The air was full of sweet scents; the delicate, distinctive odour of the primrose being predominant, though here and there a gush of almost overpowering perfume greeted the old man's nostrils, as he passed a wild apple tree. A kind of aromatic undertone came forth from damp moss, trunks of fir trees, springing young herbage, yet the exquisite fragrance of the morning itself seemed to belong to none of these things in particular, but rather to emanate from the very freshness of the dawn.

Old John, however, plodded onward, without appearing to take heed of his surroundings; once, indeed, he paused to sniff with a perturbed expression; a fox had passed that way. His eyes peered warily into the undergrowth, over the banks, beneath the hedgerows; he paused in traversing a copse, stooped, uttering an exclamation of astonished disgust, and some few moments later, emerged from the brake with a bulging pocket, and an air of increased importance.

Jim Neale, the underkeeper, had not long started on his morning beat, when he was hailed by a familiar voice, and turning, beheld his former chief.

"Hullo, Maister Guppy, I be pure glad to see you on your legs again. You be afoot early."

John surveyed him for a moment with an air of solemn indignation.

"'Tis jist so well I were afoot a bit early, Jim. You do want I at your back, I'd 'low. Which way have you been a-goin'?"

"Why, same as usual—across the big mead, from our place, and up along by top side o' the park."

"Jist what I did fancy. You do seem to use your eyes wonderful well, Jim—jist so well as ever. D'ye mind how I used to tell 'ee 'some folks has eyes and some has none'?"

"Why—what be amiss?"

John, without speaking, put his hand in his pocket, and drew forth a number of rabbit-snares, sticks and all, which he had picked up and secreted in the copse before-mentioned.

"Oh!" said Jim. "Humph! I wonder who could have put them there?"

"Why, Branstone folks what be always a-hangin' about seekin' what they can pick up."

"Well, 'twas a good job ye did chance to come along, Mr. Guppy. I'd 'low they didn't have time to catch nothin'. There weren't no rabbits in 'em, was there?"

"There was a rabbit in one of them though," retorted John triumphantly; "I've a-got en here i' my pocket."

"Oh, and have ye?" queried Jim, eyeing the pocket in question somewhat askance. "Well, it's lucky I've a-met ye—ye can hand en over to me i'stead o' going all the way up to Sanders'."

"I can hand en over to you, can I? Thank ye kindly, Maister Jim; 'findins' is keepins'—or used to be i' my day. Well, of all the cheek! 'Hand en over', says he to I what has been his maister, I mid say, for fifteen year and more. Hand en over, indeed!"

Jim, temporarily abashed, pushed his hat a little to the back of his head, and stared for a moment or two in silence; then his features relaxed into a slow grin.

"'Pon my word; if it do come to cheek, be dalled if I could say which of us has the most of it! Ye bain't keeper here no longer, Mr. Guppy, and I don't know as Squire 'ud be altogether pleased ef he was to catch you a-pocketin' one of his rabbits."

John laughed derisively.

"Squire 'ud know a bit better nor that," he remarked, as soon as he had sufficiently composed himself. "Squire 'ud know better than grudge I a rabbit arter all them hundreds as I've a-had the years and years as I were here. Be ye a-goin' on now?"

"'E-es I be," returned Jim, somewhat sulkily.

"Then look sharp, else you'll very like miss a good few more things what be under your nose."

Jim walked away growling to himself that he wasn't a-goin' to have two masters if he knew it, and that it was enough to be at one man's beck and call without being hauled over the coals by folks what had no right to be there at all.

John, leaning on his stick, watched the receding form, still with an air of lofty sovereignty, till it had disappeared, and then took his way homewards, feeling that he had done a good morning's work.

It was marvellous how one so decrepit as he could manage to be so ubiquitous as he thenceforth became. His bent figure and wrinkled face were perpetually turning up in most unexpected quarters, to the wrath and occasional dismay of Mr. Sanders and his underlings, his small keen eyes frequently detecting some small error or omission which his quavering voice was immediately uplifted to denounce and reprehend. Matters reached a climax when, one sunshiny morning, he discovered the eldest hope of the Sanders' family in the act of climbing a tree in search of a bird's nest, and, not content with boxing the urchin's ears as soon as he descended to earth again, hauled him off by the collar to the parental abode. The boy's outcries brought his father to the door, accompanied by Jim, who had chanced to call in for orders.

"See here what I've a-caught your bwoy a-doin' of. His pocket be chock-full o' eggs—pigeon eggs. He ha'n't a-got no right to go into the woods arter pigeons' eggs. I've brought en to 'ee, Maister Sanders, so as ye may gie en a dressin'. I be too old to do it myself. Nay, nay, time was when I could ha' fetched him a crack or too what had ha' taught en manners. But I bain't strong enough for that now."

"Let go of him—let go at once, I say," shouted the indignant parent. "Who gave you leave to interfere? The lad's my lad, and it's none o' your business to go meddlin' with him. Come here, Philip-James; go in to your mother, boy. He's mauled you fearful."

"Well, you must be a soft fellow," ejaculated John in a tone of deep disgust. "I could not ha' believed it! If *I* had a-caught a bwoy a-trespassin' i' my woods when I was here, I'd ha' thrashed him well for 't—let him be my son twenty times over."

"Trespassin' indeed! You're a trespasser, yourself," cried the keeper. "You've no business in these woods at all; you've no business to come near the place. I'll summons you, see if I don't."

"Well, that is a tale!" exclaimed John, leaning against the gate-post that he might the better indulge in a kind of crow of ironical laughter. "Trespass—*me* trespass; me what was keeper here for nigh upon farty year. Lard ha' mercy me! What'll ye say next?"

"Well, but it *be* trespassin', you know, Maister Guppy," remarked Jim, thrusting his head round the lintel of the door; "it be trespassin' right enough. If you was head-keeper once, you bain't head-keeper no more. You ha'n't got no call to be here at all. It *be* trespassin'"

"You hold your tongue, Jim Neale," retorted John fiercely—"hold your tongue! Who asked you to speak—you as did ought to be ashamed of yourself for neglectin' the ferrets same as you do. The big dog-ferret have a-got the mange ter'ble bad. You bain't the man to give a opinion, I'd 'low."

Jim, incensed at this sudden home-thrust, uttered a forcible exclamation, and proceeded with much warmth: "You've a-got a wrong notion i' your head altogether, Maister Guppy; you be a-trespassin' jist the same as you was a-poachin' t' other marnin'."

"Poachin'!" cried John, his face purple with wrath and his voice well-nigh strangled—"poachin'! Dall 'ee, Jim, I'll not stand here to be insulted. There, I've a-passed over a deal—a deal I have. I've overlooked it on account of the many years as we've a-worked here together, but this here be too much. I'll report ye, Jim Neale, see if I don't; and I'll report you too, Maister Sanders, for insultin' of I same as you've a-done. There's things as a body can't overlook, let him be so goodnatured as he mid be, and there's times when a man's dooty do stare en i' the face. I'll report ye this very hour."

"That's pretty good," laughed Sanders. "Upon my word, that's pretty good. Maybe Jim an' me will have something to report to the Squire too. You'd best come along with me, Jim, and we'll see who the Squire listens to."

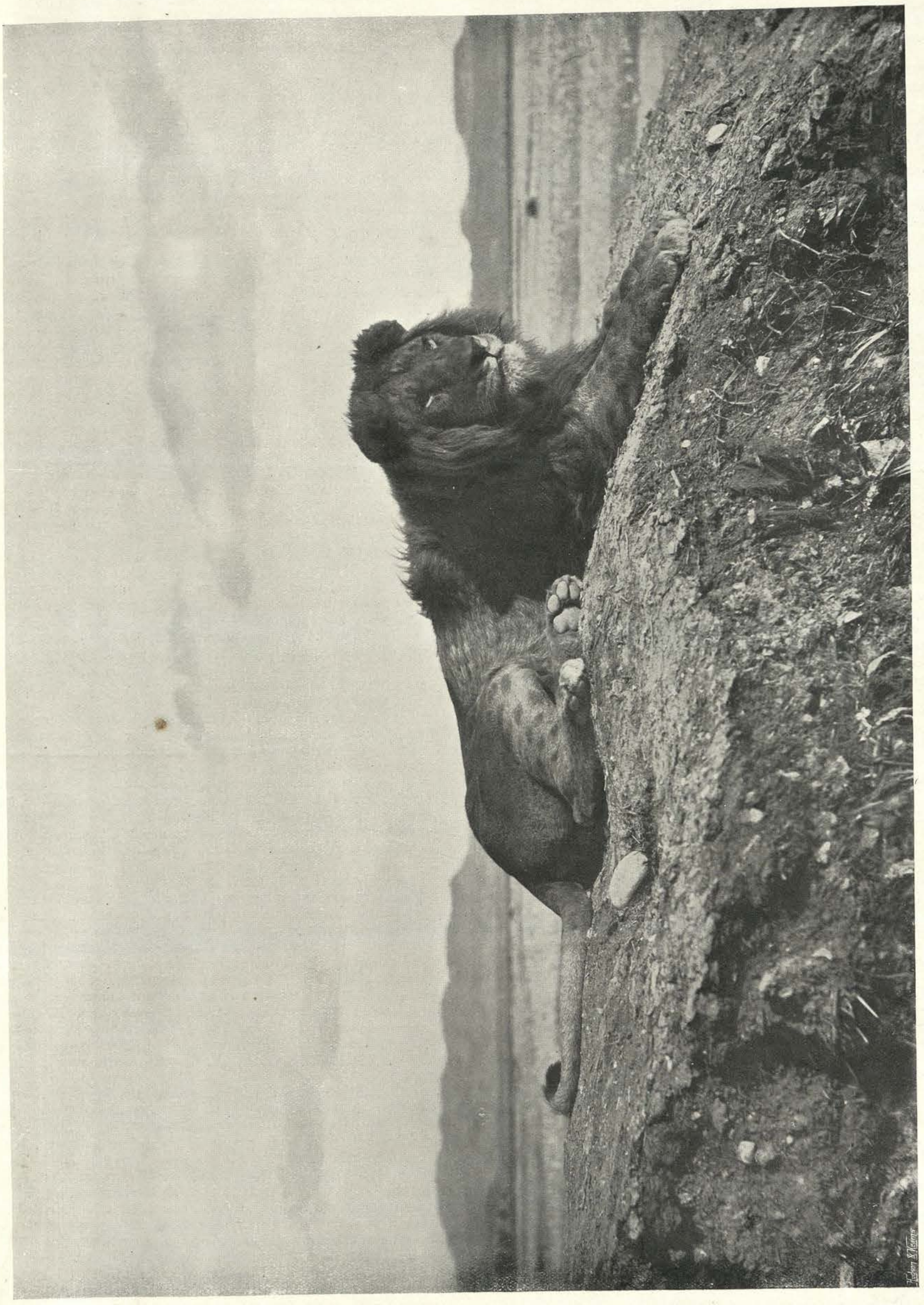
"Come along then," cried John valiantly, before Neale had time to answer. "Come along; we'll see. I bain't afeard o' the Squire. The Squire do know I so well as if I was his own brother. Come on, if you be a-comin'."

The three set out, walking shoulder to shoulder in grim silence, the younger perforce accommodating their pace to the slow gait of the old man, who hobbled along between them, leaning heavily upon his stick, his face set in resolute lines.

They were kept waiting for some little time until the Squire had finished his breakfast, but were presently admitted into the billiard-room where they found him smoking by a blazing wood fire, for he was of a chilly temperament, and though the morning was sunny, the air was still sufficiently sharp.

"Hallo, Guppy!" he cried, cheerily, as his eyes fell on the old man. "What! you're about again, are you? You're a wonderful old fellow! You'll see me down, I'm sure, though there are twenty years or so between us."

John pulled his forelock and then laid his gnarled hand in the Squire's outstretched palm.



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THE KING OF BEASTS.

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"You're a splendid old chap," said his former master, as he shook it warmly. "I must own I never thought to see you on your legs again after that stroke, coming as it did on the top of the rheumatics. How are the rheumatics, John?"

"Very bad, thank ye, sir. There, I can scarce turn i' my bed, and when I do try for to walk my limbs do seem to go all twisty-like. I be fair scraggled wi' it, Squire."

"Well, men, what brought you here?" enquired their master, turning for the first time to the keepers, and addressing them with some surprise.

"Why, a rather unpleasant matter, sir, I am sorry to say," returned Sanders respectfully, but a trifle tartly. "'Tis a bit difficult to explain, seein' as you seem so taken up with Mr. Guppy here. I understood, sir, when I accepted your sitooation as I was to have a free hand. I didn't look for no interference from anybody but you yourself, sir."

"Well, haven't you got a free hand? I'm sure I don't interfere," replied the Squire, with a shrug of his shoulders.

"'Tis Maister Guppy what be al'ays a-meddlin', sir!" put in Jim, with a pull at his forelock. "He do come up-along mostly every mornin', a-horderin' and a-pickin' holes here, there, and everywhere. Mr. Sanders and me do find it ter'ble ill-conwenient."

"I was just going to say, sir," resumed Sanders, "when Neale interrupted me" — here he paused to glare at his inferior—"as it was what I was never accustomed to—outside people comin' and pokin' and pryin' and fault-findin' and interferin'——"

"Oh, dear, how much more!" exclaimed the Squire, looking from one to the other in affected dismay, mingled with a little real vexation. "Guppy, what's all this about?"

"Playse ye, sir, I couldn't abear to see you a-treated same as ye be treated by them as ye puts your trust in. Everythin' be in a reg'lar caddle all over the place—everythin' be a-goin' wrong, sir, and when I sees it, I tells 'em of it. I can't do no different—'tis my dooty. You do pay I by the week reg'lar, and I bain't a-goin' to eat the bread o' idleness—'t 'ud stick i' my in'ards—'e-es, that it would. 'So soon as I do get upon my legs,' says I, 'I'll have a look round'; and I did have a look round, and what did I find? Every blessed thing a-goin' wrong—so I sarces 'em for 't. I wasn't a-goin' to hold my tongue, and see you tricked and abused. I was easy wi' 'em—a dalled sight too easy—I did ought to have reported of 'em before, but to-day I couldn't stand it no longer; when I did speak to 'en they up and insulted me, both on 'em. 'E-es, they did. They insulted of I shameful."

"I am sorry to hear that——" the Squire was beginning, when Mr. Sanders, losing patience, interrupted him.

"Begging your pardon, sir, 'tis more nor flesh and blood can stand; 'tis got to be him or me—that's all I can say. Nobody could put up with it. I found things in a very bad state when I came, and I'm getting them better gradual, sir, and doing my dooty in all respects as well as I can; but if Guppy is to be allowed to come prying and spying after me, and finding fault with all my arrangements——"

"He did call I a trespasser," broke out John, who had been ruminating over his private woes, without taking heed of the keeper's indictment. "He did call I a trespasser; he did say I was trespassin' when I told en I'd a-been walkin' through the Long Wood yonder where I did catch his little rascal of a son a-bird's-nestin' so bold as you playse. And Jim there, what did ought to know better, up and said I was poachin' last week. *Me* poachin'! Me what brought him back that very day a dozen o' snares what I had picked up i' the hedge as he went gawkin' past without taking a bit o' notice of."

"'E-es, but you found a rabbit in one and popped it into your pocket!" cried Jim, irefully. "Popped it into your pocket and walked off wi' it, let I say what I would."

"In course I did," retorted John, with great dignity, "in course I did. 'Tweren't very likely as I'd leave it wi' you. As I telled 'ee at the time—says I: 'Squire wouldn't grudge me a rabbit now arter all the hundreds as I've a-had while I was keeper up yonder.'"

The Squire covered his mouth with his hand, but tell-tale wrinkles appeared about his eyes, and the points of his moustache curled significantly upwards. After a moment he recovered himself sufficiently to desire the keepers to withdraw, announcing that he would have a quiet talk with John Guppy, and that no doubt the matter could be arranged.

"So you had hundreds of rabbits while you were in my service, John," he remarked, crossing one leg over the other, and looking at the old man with a smile. "Didn't you get very tired of them?"

"Well, sir, my old woman be wonderful with the cookin', and she did do 'em up in a many different ways. 'E-es, we did use to have a rabbit for dinner four days out of seven."

"Did you indeed," returned his former master, much interested in these revelations. "Do you suppose, John, the other men had hundreds of rabbits every year, too?"

"Well, sir, it be a matter o' taste. Some folks doesn't fancy rabbit; but, of course, they can take so many as they do want."

"Of course," agreed the Squire.

"'E-es; keepers takes rabbits same as gardeners helps their selves to cabbages. I knowed you'd never begrudge me that there little un."

"No, to be sure; but we mustn't be too hard on Jim. Jim was doing what he thought to be his duty. Now, you know, no matter how many rabbits a keeper may take for himself, he is not supposed to allow other people to take any."

"Nay, sir, nay; I wouldn't expect it—not other folks. But I'd 'low it be different wi' I, what was head over en for so many year. He didn't ought to ha' gone and insulted of I."

"No, no, of course not; but then, you see, you had vexed him. He was too angry to discriminate between poaching and—just helping yourself."

"And t' other chap, 'ee telled I I was trespassin'!" resumed John, wrathfully.

"Well, my dear John, we must consider the point of view. Every man has his own, you know. As a matter of fact, I'm afraid, from Sanders' point of view, you were trespassing."

John's face was a study.

"I never thought to live to hear ye say that, Squire."

"I only said from his point of view," cried the Squire, hastily. "He's, naturally perhaps, a little jealous; you were here so many years, you know, and of course, like all young men—young men will have foolish notions, John—he thinks his way is the best way. We old fogies must just give in for the sake of peace and comfort."

"Noo ways," agreed the old man, sorrowfully, "noo folks and noo ways."

"As you heard me say just now," resumed his master, "*I* don't interfere with him, and, upon my life, I think it's better you shouldn't interfere, John. I fancy it would be wiser if you could just keep away for a little bit—then no one could say you were trespassing, you know."

"I'll keep away, Squire," said John. "No fear; I'll keep away. Ye'll not have to tell I that twice."

"You and I are free to have our own opinions, of course," urged the Squire, smiling, "but we'll keep them to ourselves—these young folks you know——"

But John did not smile in return; his head, always bent, drooped almost to his breast, his lips moved, but uttered no sound. After a moment or two, he pulled his forelock, scraped his leg, and turned to depart.

"You're not going, John?"

"'E-es, sir, I be goin', I bain't wanted here no more. As you do say, noo times ——"

"Now, now, I can't have you going away offended. Don't you see how it is, John?"

"Nay, sir, I don't see nothin' but what you've a-gone and thrown over a old servant for a noo un. That be all as I can see. You didn't check en for insultin' of I, and you did uphold him and made little of I. I be goin', and you'll never be troubled wi' I again. I'm fit for nothin'. I be a-eatin' of your bread and a-takin' of your money and doin' nothin' for 't. Eatin' the bread o' idleness! I'd 'low it 'ull fair choke I."

The Squire, vexed and perplexed, in vain sought to soothe him, but he waved aside all attempts at consolation, and made his way slowly out of the room and out of the house.

The Squire watched him as he went tottering down the avenue. "What's to be done?" he said to himself. "The poor old chap is past his work; it would be cruelty to allow him to attempt it. Sanders is an excellent fellow, on the other hand—more go-ahead than dear old John, and, it must be owned, a better keeper. He would certainly have given notice if I had allowed John to continue his visitations here. It is the only thing to be done, but I can't bear to see the poor old fellow so cut up."

As Guppy passed the keeper's lodge the dogs ran forward, leaping upon him and whining. He patted them absently, and then pushed them off. "Down, Rover, down! There, Bessie, off wi' you; you should learn a lesson fro' your betters. Stick to the noo folks, and get rid o' the wold. Poor beasts! they be fain to see I I'd 'low. Dogs bain't like Christians. They don't seem to know when a man be down. They be faithful, all the same; they haven't a-got no sense, poor things."

He was spent and trembling when he arrived at his own home, and sank down in his chair by the hearth.

"There, Missis, put away my gun; I'll not want it no more; I be done wi' it—I be done wi' everythin'. I could wish that there stroke had a-carried I off. I bain't no use i' this world as I can see. It do seem a strange thing as the Lard 'll leave ye to live on and on when folks be tired o' ye, and be a-wishin' of ye under the sod. I wish I were i' my long home—aye, that I do."

Mrs. Guppy was at first alarmed, then affected, and finally burst into tears.

"I'm sure I never did hear a man go on the same as you do

do, Jan; there, I be all of a tremble. What's amiss? What's come to ye? What's it all about?"

"Gi' I my pipe," said John; "there's things a woman couldn't understand."

Not another word could she extract from him till dinner-time, when she summoned him to table.

He gazed at the food sourly. "All charity!" he murmured. "Charity, woman. I be eatin' what I haven't earned. I may jist so well go to the Union."

A few days later the Squire's dogcart drew up at the little gate, and the Squire himself descended therefrom, carrying a couple of rabbits which he extracted from under the seat.

"Good-day, John; good-day, Mrs. Guppy. Well, John, how are you? Cheering up a bit, I hope."

John shook his head slowly.

"I've brought you a couple of rabbits," continued the Squire. "It never struck me till the other day how you must miss them. I'll send you some every week. There are enough, Heaven knows."

"I don't want no rabbits," growled Guppy; "I bain't a-goin' to eat of 'em."

"John!" gasped his wife, hardly believing her ears.

"Put 'em back i' the cart, woman," he continued; "I bain't a-goin' to eat no rabbits what they chaps up yonder have a-ketched, dalled if I be!"

"Why, John," said the Squire, sitting down beside him, "can't you get over it? I thought you would be all right by this time."

"I bain't all right, Squire, and I can't get over it. Nay, look at it which way I will, I can't. Here be I, John Guppy, a bit scram and a bit wambly; but so sound i' the head as ever I was, whatever my legs mid be. Here be I, anxious for to do my dooty, and able for to do my dooty, and you won't let I do it. You do give me money what I haven't earned; you do want I to sit here idle when I'm as ready for a day's work as any o' they new-fangled chaps what you've a-set up yonder i' my place."

The Squire sighed and looked hopelessly at Mrs. Guppy, who stood with her hands folded limply at her waist, and a most dolorous expression on her countenance, shaking her head emphatically at every pause in her husband's speech. After a few further attempts at consolation, the Squire rose and went to the door followed by his hostess.

"What is to be done, Mrs. Guppy?" he enquired, when they were out of earshot. "I positively can't have him back up there—he isn't fit for it; and he has been setting all the other men by the ears."

"'I don't want no rabbits,' growled Guppy."

"He's fair breakin' 'is 'eart," murmured Mrs. Guppy, dolefully. "He thinks he bain't o' no use—and he bain't—and it's killin' 'im. If he could even fancy he was doing summat and occipy hisself in any way he'd be a different man. 'Tis the thought as nobody wants en what do cut en so."

The Squire cogitated, and then a sudden light broke over his face.

"I have it," he cried. "I have thought of a job for the old fellow! We'll put him to rights yet, Mrs. Guppy—see if we don't!"

He re-entered the cottage, and approached the ingle-nook where John still sat, leaning forward, and slowly rubbing the knees of his corduroys.

"John," he said, "I was almost forgetting a most important thing I wanted to say to you. Sanders and Jim have got their hands pretty full up there, as you know."

"I'd 'low they have," agreed Guppy; "they're like to have 'em too full seein' as they don't know how to set about their work no how."

"Yes, yes. Well, Sanders is very busy all day and Jim has a wide beat. Neither of them ever find time to go near the river. It's my private belief, John, that that river is dreadfully poached. We've next to no wild duck, you know."

"We never did have none, sir," interrupted Guppy.

"Just what I say," agreed his master; "we never had the chance. You had *your* hands pretty full when you were head-keeper, hadn't you?"

"I weren't one what 'ud ever ha' let 'em get empty," growled Guppy.

"Well, I was thinking, now that you haven't very much to do, you might undertake the control of those meadows down there by the river, if you feel up to it, and it's not asking too much of you."

"Oh! I could do it," returned John, in a mollified tone; "I could do it right enough if I was let."

"I should be very much obliged to you," resumed the Squire, "very much obliged indeed. All that part of the property has got shamefully neglected. I imagine the people think they've got a right of way."

"Very like they do," agreed John, whose countenance was gradually clearing; "but I can soon show 'em whether they have or not."

"Just so. Well, will you undertake to look after that part of the estate for me? It will be a great relief to my mind. Don't overtire yourself, you know; but any day that you are feeling pretty fit you might stroll round, and just keep a sharp lookout.

"'E-es, I could do that," said John, after considering for a moment; "I could do it all right, Squire. I will look into the matter."

"That's right. Thank you very much, John. I shall feel quite satisfied about it now."

He nodded, and went away, John looking after him with a satisfied expression.

"I never did mind obligin' the Squire," he remarked to his wife, "and I'm glad to do en a bit of a good turn i' my ancient years. 'Tis true what he do say, that there bit down by the river have a-been fearful neglected. I myself could never make time to go down there, and 't ain't very likely as these here chaps 'ull go out of their way to look round. I'll put it to rights though."

"I'm sure it's very good o' you, John," said Mrs. Guppy, who had listened to the foregoing colloquy with a somewhat mystified air. "I shouldn't ha' thought that there was anything worth lookin' arter down there. Why, the town boys do bathe there reg'lar i' the summer."

"They'll not bathe there any more," returned her lord resolutely. "I'll teach Mr. Sanders a lesson—I'll larn 'em how to see arter a place as it did ought to be looked arter! Reach me down that gun, woman!"

He sallied forth that very hour, drawing up his little, bent form to as close an approach to straightness as he could manage.

His first care on reaching his destination was to examine the gates that gave access to this stretch of meadow-land. He pursed his nether lip and shook his head disapprovingly at their shaky condition, making a mental resolution to repair them at the earliest opportunity, and moreover to see that they were provided with padlocks. After diligently hunting in the neighbouring wood, he discovered a half-defaced board, which had at one time borne the legend, "Trespassers will be prosecuted," and, with a sigh of satisfaction, placed it in a more prominent position.

His joy was extreme when, late in the afternoon, he discovered a honest labouring man in the act of climbing a gate, which, owing to the rickety condition of its hinges, could not be opened without risk of falling flat upon the ground.

"Where be goin' to?" enquired John, sternly.

"Why, jist home-along," returned the other, with a good-humoured smile; "'tis a bit of a short cut this way."

"There's to be no more short cuts here," cried John, with a

certain almost malignant triumph. "These here meadows belongs to Squire. They'm his private property."

The man's jaw dropped. "That'll be summat noo," he said doubtfully, but still good-humouredly.

"'Tis noo times all round," replied Guppy, with an odd contraction of the face, "but these 'ere reg'lations 'ull be carried out strict. You jist turn about, my bwoy."

"I be three parts there now," protested the other.

"Then you'll have to step back three parts, that's all," responded Guppy, unmoved.

The man scratched his head, stared, and finally recrossed the gate, and walked away, grumbling to himself, Guppy looking after him with a sense of well-nigh forgotten dignity. He had vindicated the majesty of the law.

All hitherto unconscious trespassers had thenceforth a bad time of it under the reign of the new river keeper. Would-be bathers, small boys on birds'-nesting intent, tired women with market baskets, labourers on their way to and from their daily work, were ruthlessly turned back by old Guppy, whose magisterial air carried conviction with it. The other keepers, laughing perhaps in their sleeves, let him pursue his tactics unmolested, and the Squire was careful to congratulate him from time to time on the success of his labours. John Guppy's greatest triumph was, perhaps, when he actually did discover a wild duck's nest amid the sedges of the now tranquil river. How tenderly he watched over it; how proudly he noted the little brood of downy ducklings when they first paddled from one group of reeds to another in the wake of their mother; with what delight he imparted his discovery to the Squire, and with what supreme joy did he invite him to set about the destruction of these precious charges when they were sufficiently grown. Almost equal rapture was his when, having struggled along the avenue with a brace of ducks dangling from each hand, he encountered the head-keeper in the shrubbery.

"Those are fine ones," remarked Sanders, good-naturedly; he was a good-hearted fellow in the main, and did not grudge the old man his small successes.

"I should think they was," returned Guppy, swelling with pride. "They be uncommon fine 'uns, Maister Sanders; they be the only wild duck what was ever seen on this here property. I be glad to hear," he added, condescendingly, "as you've done pretty well wi' the pheasants, too. Squire was a-tellin' me about the good season ye did have."

"Yes," rejoined the keeper, with a twinkle in his eye; "they didn't turn out so bad, you see, Mr. Guppy."

"I be very glad on 't, I'm sure," said John, still condescendingly; "of course it be easy to rear a good few pheasants if you do go in for buyin' eggs; it bain't so very easy to get wild duck to take to a place where they never did come afore."

"No, to be sure," agreed Sanders, affably. "It was a wonderful piece of luck, that was."

"It wasn't luck, Maister Sanders," said John, impressively, "it was knowledge."

And he walked on, with conscious pride in every line of face and figure, leaving his successor chuckling.

THE "GUERBA" AND THE AMPHORA.

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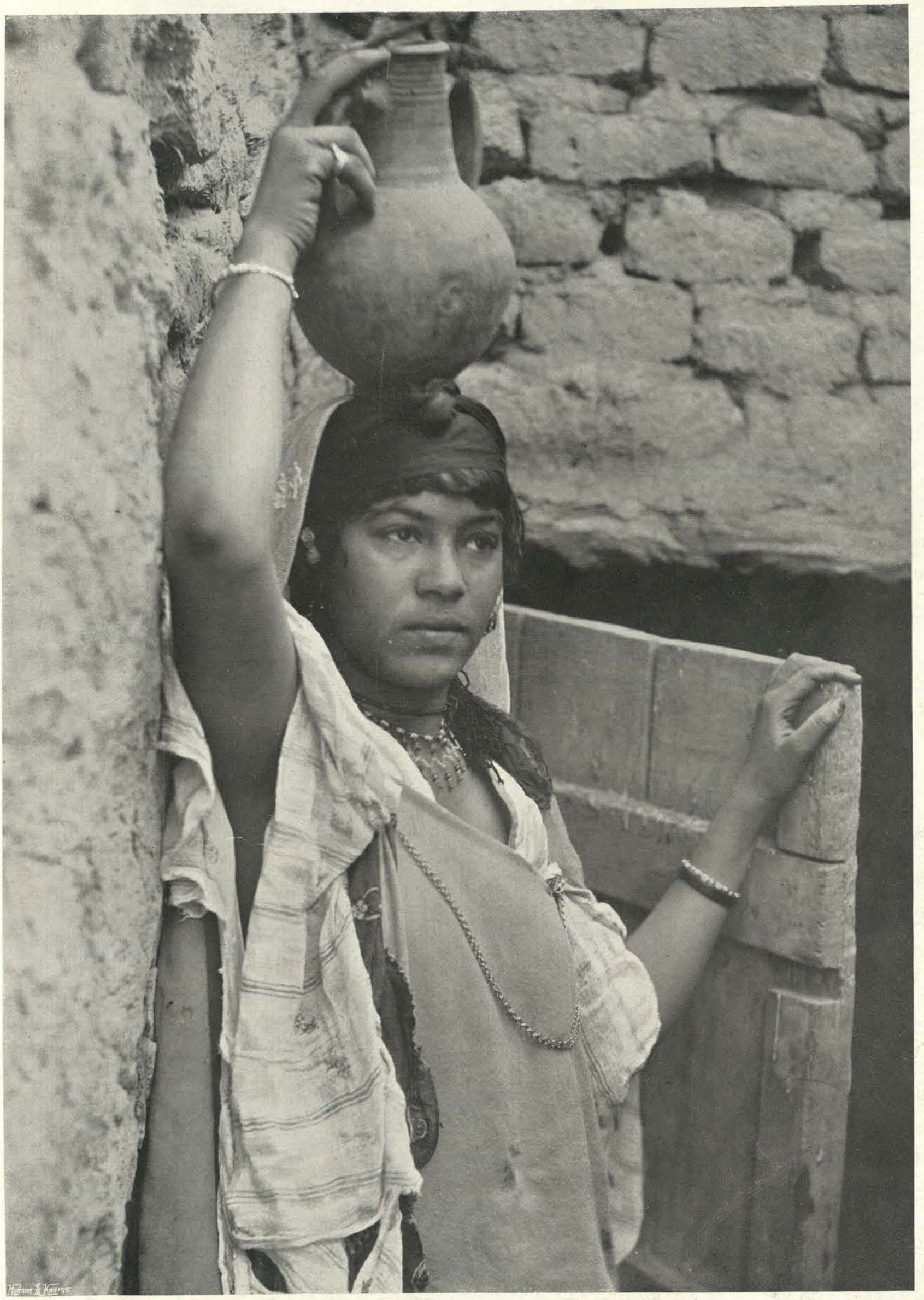
IF the author of the ingenious disquisition on the village pump only had treated his somewhat homely subject with a little poetic licence, he might have produced a paper filled with charmingly picturesque descriptive passages. The village pump has humble associations, but from one point of view it is to be regarded as the apotheosis of mechanical contrivance for drawing water by manual labour. How infinitely does it surpass in convenience and expeditiousness the earlier windlass, chain, and bucket. The misfortune of modern days is that utility and beauty do not always go together in loving amity. The village pump has lost some of the picturesque features of more primitive modes of water-carriage; but in the East, where the height of civilisation registered by the pump has not yet been reached, the earlier ways of water-drawing are seen in all their first beauty unspoiled. The gourd, the cocoanut, and the concave shell we may regard perhaps as the first vessels for water-carriage or water-lifting used by man. These would be ready to his hand without any fashioning. But as the second stage in that progress of which the pump is the crowning achievement, we can find nothing more primitive than the goat-skin and the vessel of burnt earth. It is with these two kinds of vessel that the water-drawers of the East occupied their business in the dawn of history as revealed to us, whether in the written word or the hieroglyphic picture, and it is with the same vessels that the water-drawers of the East occupy their business to-day. They are the vessels with which the subjects of these



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illustrations are seen to be drawing or carrying water. It was when engaged in something of this manner that Rebekah met with Isaac at the well, and the woman of Samaria with the Divine Master of the Christian world. These suggestions of the Eastern water-drawing cannot fail to have for us something of a sacred association.

By accident it happens that the skin and the vessel of porous earth are the methods best possible for the keeping of water in a hot climate. We may say by accident, for the conservative instinct of the East is so strong that it by no means follows that Eastern folk would not have continued to make use of them even had they been the least suited for the purpose. The fact that "our fathers have used them" outweighs with them all such prosaic considerations as those of utility. The skin appears, perhaps, the more ancient vessel of the two. It was in such vessels for the most part that Homeric heroes, or their attendants, carried water. The earthen vessel, in its fine form as the amphora, was in use in the most artistic times of Greece and Rome, and to this circumstance, as well as to the obvious utility of the form, we may ascribe its graceful lines. The amphora, strictly named, seems to have been a vessel of great capacity, holding normally as much as six gallons, but the name was applicable to all vessels of the same two-handled style and slender form, whatever their size. Those that we see in these pictures surely have not this classical capacity. Sometimes the amphora, both of antiquity and of modern times, was given a rather elongated base to allow of its being driven and fixed into the earth or on a stand, and sometimes we see that the vessels were covered over with leafage to keep cool the water within. But the merit that the porous vase of clay has in common with the skin is that the porous nature of both aids in cooling the liquid kept within by the evaporation on the outer surface, and water that has stood for hours in these vessels has a colder temperature than that of the atmosphere about them. There cannot fail, in the midst of such charming surroundings, with the reflection of the graceful palms and tree ferns in the water and the picturesque costumes of these Eastern water-carriers, to be much that is beautiful in the business of filling the guerba,

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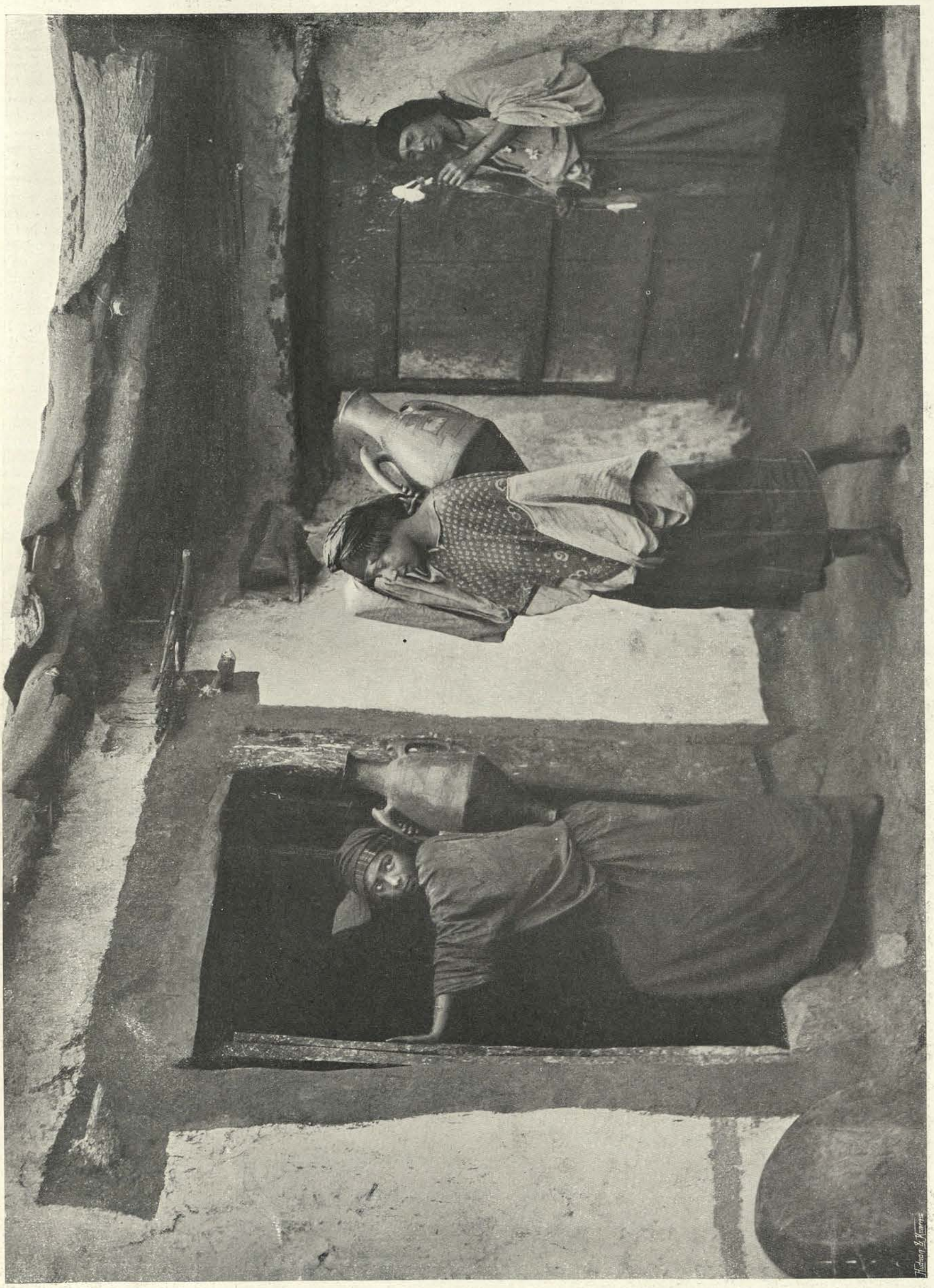


BRINGING HOME THE AMPHORA.

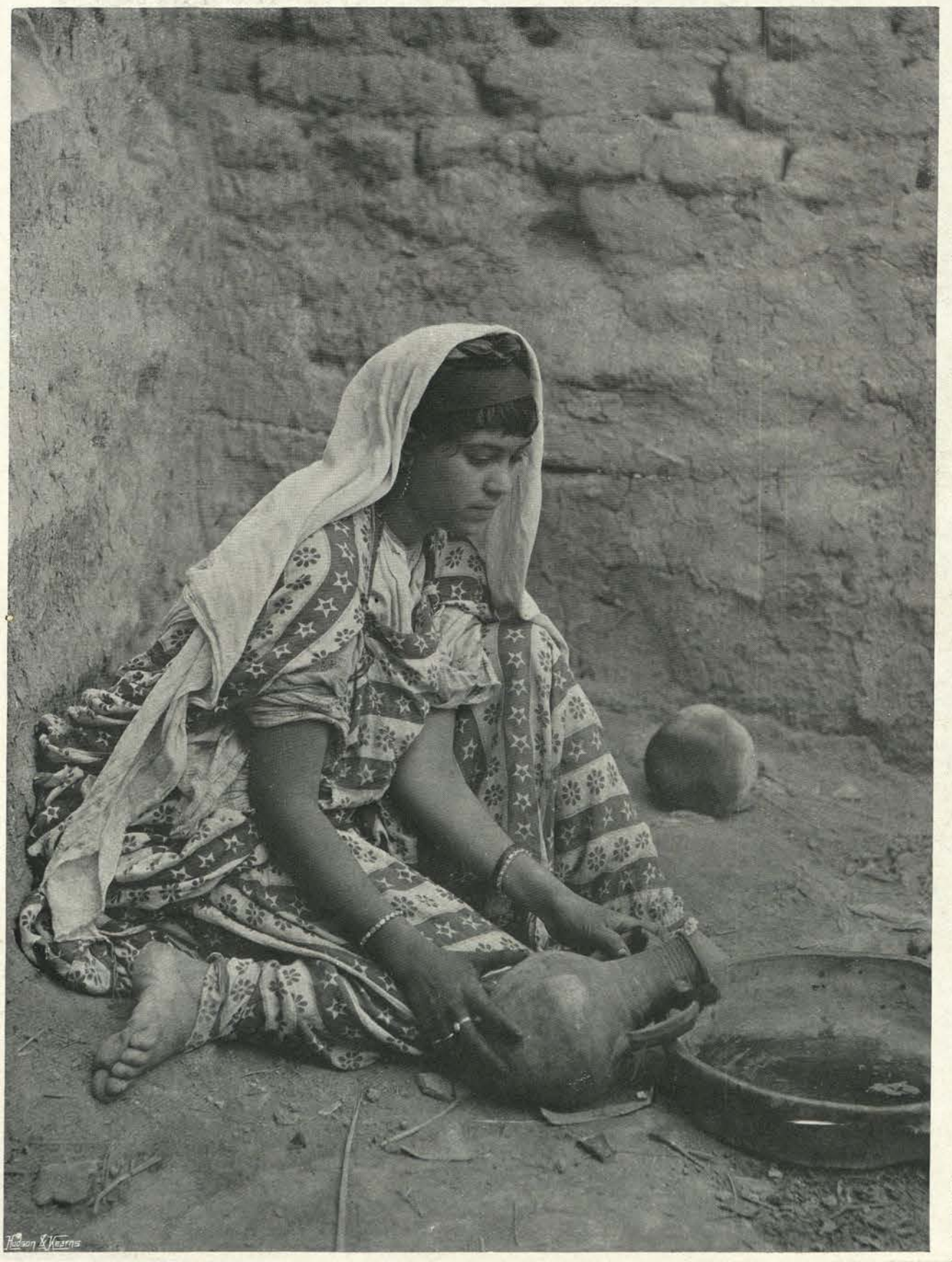
M. Emil Frech.n

as the goat-skin flask is called, from the water of the spring. Even here there is use for vessels of the potter's making in the dipper that takes out the water and the bell-mouthed funnel by which it is conducted into the flask. The lifting the guerba out of the spring after the filling is no easy matter, and a well-filled flask that one may carry may need the strength of two to place into position on the carrier's back. But once set in position, and the cords properly adjusted, it is evident, from the accompanying picture of the lady going home to her tent in the desert with a water-load, that the skin adapts itself kindly to the shape of the carrier's back, and that it has certain advantages in this regard over the potter's vessel. Apart from the rest, it has the obvious advantage of being lighter in itself.

The picture that shows the two Kabyle women bringing home the amphora suggests at once that the unyielding clay does not accommodate itself, like the soft goat-skin, to the figure of the carrier. The amphora that the lady is just bearing into the house shows the almost sharpened base that is useful, as already noted, when it is wished to stand the amphora in the sandy ground or in a receptacle made for it, and on both of the vessels shown in this picture may be seen the outlines of the ornamental designs, generally of Phœnician fashioning, with which some of them are most artistically decorated. Of course, this form of vase is not adapted for carrying on the head, a mode which always is properly admired for the erect figure and free walk that it never fails to give those who practise it.

Our illustrations show another form of vase that is very common on the Nile, although comparatively rare in Algiers, which is far better adapted for this style of carrying, although the style is in itself less graceful. Yet another shape of water-holding vessel, though not adapted or intended for its carriage, is the earthen pan into which the black but comely lady is seen about to pour some water from one of those more Sancho Panza shaped vases which we see so often carried on the women's heads along the Nile bank.

In Eastern countries the water problem is immensely important to the individual dweller in house or tent. There is no system of water-mains and water-rates, and if water is wanted someone must go and fetch it. Generally the work devolves on the women of the household, according to prehistoric custom, which rules everything in the East; but often you will see a host of little water-carriers staggering under loads that seem too heavy for their small legs to carry. Of course we find now and then all sorts and shapes of water-carrying vessels in the same part, but as a common rule it is the goat-skin that is used in the south and the potter's vessels further north. The skin adapts itself no less kindly to carriage on a quadruped's back than on a human back. Often it has to serve as a butter-making churn, suspended from a tripod and kept gently rocking. The earthen vessels it is still common to see with leaves and branches suspended about them to keep cool the precious fluid within. In the goat-skin flasks it is said that the evaporation keeps the contents always at a temperature of from 8deg. to 10deg. centigrade below the air about them.



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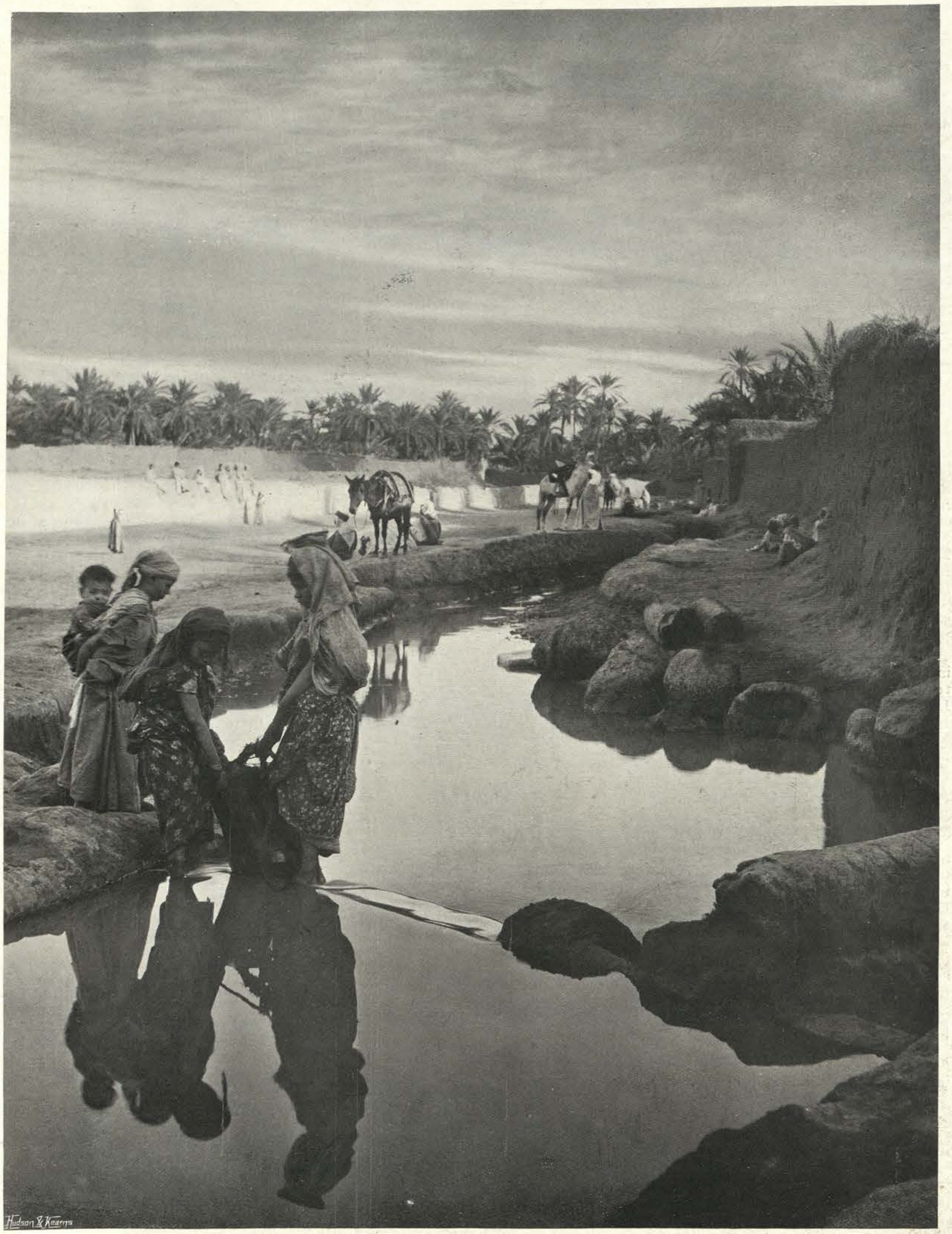
In our own rainy England the sight is only too common of our cottagers going long distances to fetch their water, in our homely but useful pails and buckets. It is a sight that grows increasingly frequent, as our seasons seem bent on becoming more and more dry. In Sussex we are told that the rainfall of the present year is between two and three inches below the average, and even in average years there is some carrying of the water by the cottagers; but we can do nothing more picturesque than the two pails slung on the yoke. It is singular that in Egypt we should find at once the greatest waterworks, in the way of irrigation and of dams on the broad Nile, and also the most primitive manners of water-carrying by the people. Out of Africa, it has been said, we find always something new; but out of Africa, it is no less true, we find always something of the primæval old.

It is not very likely that we in England ever will return to methods as primitive and as picturesque as we see them here. The village pump is our apotheosis, and we cannot cede from it. On the other hand, a scarcity in the annual water supply presses constantly more and more hardly on the inhabitants of many cottages and country villas to which no regular water scheme is attached. The water level in the chalk formations has fallen seriously, and the problem demands solution how we may better conserve the rainfall of winter to supply us through the months of summer drought to which use is gradually accustoming us. Everywhere in the country we see small torrents pouring down all the water-courses in the winter months, pouring uselessly away, emptying themselves into the less or greater rivers that soon flow out to mingle with the sea. In many instances it requires no skilled eye in water engineering to see



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how this water, or an immense quantity of it, might be preserved for future use. Generally these torrents are rushing down channels deeply grooved in the bed of a ravine. It needs only to form a dam across the width of the ravine, and your reservoir is made—three-fourths of it made for you by Nature. Of course it is true that the fourth side, which it falls to man's lot to supply, has to be well and strongly made, so made as to resist a big pressure of water coming down against it. But, after all, wattle and daub is cheap, and when well done is very effective. And, even if it were dear, these words of dearness and cheapness are essentially relative. The point is to get the water as cheaply as it may be got, and it is very certain that the most expensive form of water storage is less costly than the primitive methods of water carriage, by which so many cottages, and even houses of a better size, have to be supplied in the dry summers which seem to have become normal. We still talk of the rainfall having fallen a whole year behindhand in the last six or seven years—meaning that it is by so much below what we conceive to be the average. Is not the truth, rather, that the average has altered, and is it not better sense to recognise the alteration and perceive that the average rainfall is not sufficient, with our present limited means of storage, for our growing needs? After all, there remains with us still very much of that fatal conservatism which we brought with us from the Eastern cradle of our race. We pride ourselves on our occidental progress, but it is a path upon which we only move with difficulty and when incited by the spur of hard necessity. We are beginning now to feel the spur, as a consequent of dry seasons following each other without break.

POLO NOTES.

THESE notes will be full of the match on Saturday between England and America. Nor do I suppose my readers will care much for anything else. For the time being, the polo interest is at Hurlingham. How fortunate the club was on the day! The scene was one of the most brilliant I have ever beheld there, and the stands, with the masses of gay colours against the rich foliage now in its full glory, made a most striking spectacle. Behind the stands were the rows of coaches, some of which had come from Hyde Park in the morning. I noticed the Duke of Somerset, among others, near the pavilion. Hunting men were in great force, and I saw three of our best-known Masters of Hounds, those of the Quorn, the Atherstone, and the Meath, discussing the chances of the game with Mr. T. E. Peat, Major Maclaren, Sir Walter Smythe, Lord Harrington, Mr. F. I. Mackey, Mr. Kenyon Stow, Mr. Tresham Gilbey, Mr. A. Suart, Mr. Cuthbert Bradley, Major Schofield, and Captain Neil Haig.

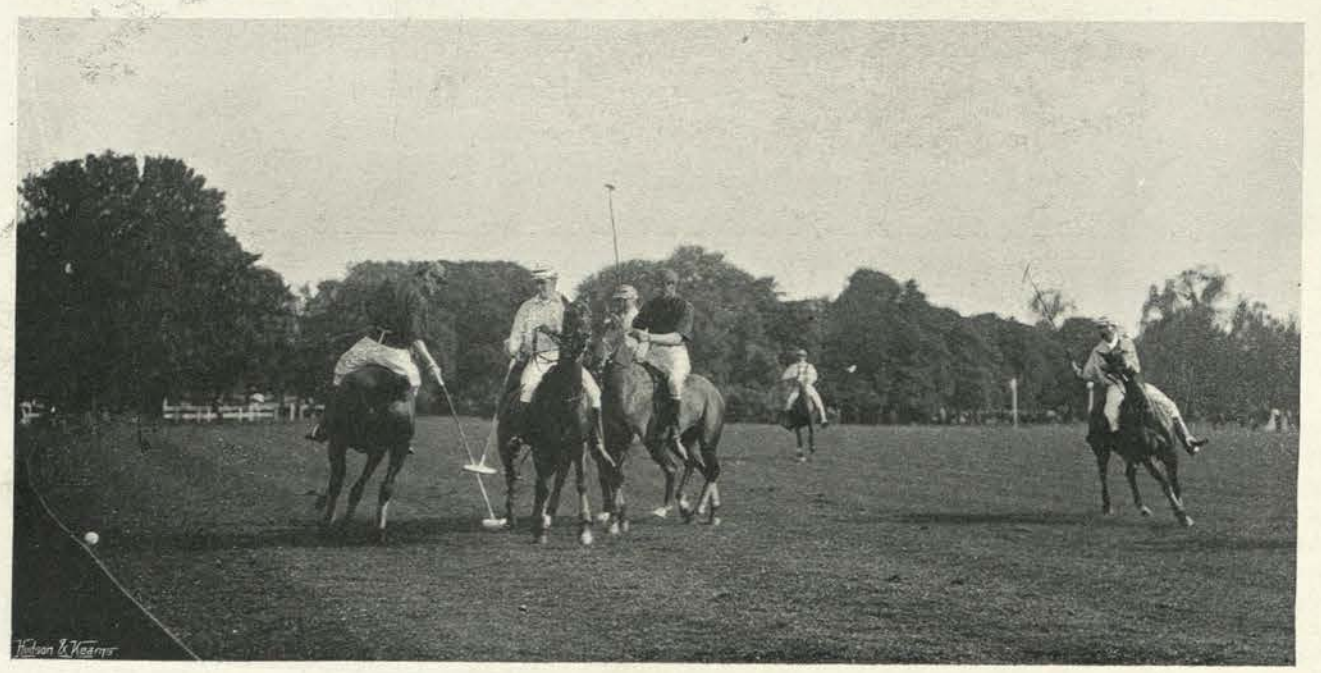
The ladies in the pavilion, too, included Lady Eleanor Harbord, Lady Mary Sackville, Mrs. Buckmaster, Mrs Tresham Gilbey, Mrs. Routledge, Mrs. Herbert Stroyan, and many more who take an interest in the game. On the other side were, doubtless, all fashionable London, and a detachment from New York and Paris. But by this time I had secured a front place on the pavilion, and had eyes and ears for nothing but polo news and polo talk. Then a rumour flitted among the crowd that Mr. M. Waterbury was to stand down.

W. A. Rouch. *PRETTY PLAY.* Copyright

This to me was a disappointment because, I had been told that he was the best man of the four. It was true he had not shown us his true form. But an American friend (himself a polo player) assured me that Mr. "Monty" Waterbury was at his very best in a hard match. However, the captain of the team had arranged his men otherwise, and, in view of the result, who shall say that he was wrong?

W. A. Rouch. *THE ENGLISH TEAM.* Copyright

It is well known that Mr. Foxhall Keene and Mr. John Cowdin play very often together, and, as we saw, they combined well. If Mr. Keene were to go back, so as to bring the two Waterburys together, that would perhaps be the strongest possible combination; but if Mr. Foxhall Keene was No. 3, he certainly worked better with Mr. Cowdin at No. 2 than with Mr. M. Waterbury. So we had the challengers' team thus: Mr. R. L. Agassiz, Mr. J. L. Cowdin, Mr. Foxhall Keene, and Mr. Waterbury; the English team was Mr. Cecil Nickalls, Mr. Patteson Nickalls, Mr. W. Buckmaster, and Mr. C. D. Miller. Umpires: America, Mr. Eustis; England, Captain Renton; referee, Captain D. St. G. Daly.



W. A. Rouch. *MR. C. NICKALLS HITS A BACK-HANDER.* Copyright

This may be a good place to note that the umpires did their work fairly well. There was much excitement, and they had once or twice difficult points to decide.

Both sides played a very fair game, and, I think, only one penalty for a foul was exacted during the whole match. But, as one of our players said, you could not have fairer men than the

American players in a game of polo. As soon as the ball was in play the English team took possession of it, and carried it down to the American goal. They pressed, and hardly, too, on their opponents, and we held our breath as we waited for the goal that seemed imminent. But we had not reckoned with Mr. L. Waterbury; he was too quick for us, and his near-side back-hander, a stroke for which he is famous in his own country, was seldom wanting at a critical moment. The ball was often out, still oftener, perhaps, behind the American back line. This, however, was an advantage to them rather than otherwise, for, while they could not keep the ball away from their goal while it was still in play, yet Mr. Foxhall Keene's team were very good at hitting out, and generally managed to work their way halfway down the ground before they were stopped. As we noted this fact the reason for it also became apparent. It dawned on us that their combination was better than ours. They passed the ball very well. More than once they came galloping along, Mr. Waterbury passing to Mr. Foxhall Keene and he in his turn to Mr. Cowdin, while Mr. Agassiz bothered Mr. Miller. It may, I think, be taken to be due to the American No. 1 that the English back did not play by a long way up to his usual form. This excellent combination and the clever placing and passing of the ball were bound to have their effect in the end. So it came to pass that though the Americans seldom pressed, indeed were more often than not on the defensive, yet when they did have a chance they scored. That they did not do so more often was due to the fine play of the Messrs. Nickalls and Mr. Buckmaster. The last-named did his very best. Though we applaud his brilliant runs and his splendid long shots at goal, nothing is more admirable than the hard and unobtrusive work he will do when there is an uphill game to play. We who write on polo almost inevitably are unjust to our players, and do harm to the game by dwelling on those brilliant strokes which are the exception.

The perfection of a player like Mr. Buckmaster is that he avails himself of such chances when they open out before him, but does not seek to make them. We had four brilliant players on Saturday labouring under the great disadvantage of want of practice together, and all of them, and particularly Mr. P. Nickalls and Mr. Buckmaster, put in a great deal of quiet, useful work. The match was a defeat, but it was never a disaster. Indeed, watching the play as closely as I did, I found reason to hope for the next match. Our team if not changed, which would be unwise now, will have learned much. Of course nothing can deprive the Americans of the advantage of such a No. 4 as Mr. L. Waterbury. He is altogether admirable, and a head and shoulders above any other "back" now playing. Then, too, I am afraid nothing can prevent our men from being a little slower than the visitors. The Americans have more quick-silver in their blood and more litheness of frame than Englishmen. It was bad luck that Mr. Nickalls' sticks broke, bad luck that two goals were disallowed, bad luck that so many shots were missed; but railing at luck is unbecoming, and, moreover, it will not disguise the fact that on the day, and as they played, in quickness and combination the Americans were the stronger team. Whether it will always be so I cannot feel certain; things might be different with the ground less dead. It is true the Americans like a fast ground, that they use cigar-shaped heads, such as we had in India, where the polo grounds are as hard as a high-road. Yet I think the slower game was against our ponies, and I cannot feel quite sure that the respective forms shown by the ponies were true. The American ponies, notably Dennis and Texiana, were splendid; but still I can hardly bring myself to believe that they could beat for speed the pick of our ponies, such as Patricia, My Girl, Luna, Bluesleeves, Black Bella. Great pains had been taken to mount the English team, and Mr. Walter Jones, Colonel Fenwick (Royal Horse Guards), and Lord Waterford had lent the pick of their stables for the Messrs. Nickalls and Mr. Miller to ride. Evidently our ponies want more schooling, since on a soft ground the Americans can beat them because they turn sharper and start more quickly. It is possible that in a racing

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game we should do better. The match on Saturday was very sticky and slow, with rare intervals of speed. The two managers, Major Egerton Green and Mr. St. Quentin, had made admirable arrangements, and there was no crushing, though a great crowd. The date of the next match is fixed for Saturday, June 7th, and the King is said to be most anxious to see what will now be an Homeric struggle. My own feeling is that all three games will have to be played. X.

Correspondence.

DOUBLE MEADOW SAXIFRAGE BENEATH TREES.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—I wish to ask a question that may also interest many other readers of your charming paper, and that is, how to establish the pretty double meadow saxifrage (Saxifraga granulata fl.-pl.) beneath trees. I much want to grow it beneath some beeches.—T. R., Bude.

[This is an unusual question, but the following note, taken from a recent number of the *Garden*, seems to meet your requirements. The correspondent writes: "In most cases plants naturalised beneath deciduous trees produce their flowers while the overhanging branches are still leafless, but meadow saxifrage waits until the leaves are expanded to reach its full beauty. Saxifrage blossoms beneath a group of limes at Chaddlewood, South Devon, but on the same lawn it flowers with equal freedom beneath a chestnut and beech. Some fifty years or so ago the saxifrages were among the occupants of beds that formerly cut up the broad expanse of lawn. These have long since disappeared and given way to turf, but the plants have remained, and yearly increase in number, often reproducing themselves in groups on the grass 50yds. and more distant from the parent colonies. This habit of the meadow saxifrage of throwing out outposts at a distance from its main body is curious." It succeeds well, relishing a somewhat moist soil. Its other popular names besides meadow saxifrage are Fair Maid of France and First of May.—Ed.]

TULIPS AND THEIR PLANTING.

[To the Editor of "Country Life."]

Sir,—I have large quantities of gesneriana tulips not yet in flower, though very near it; but I want next season to fill three round beds on a lawn in front of the house with rather earlier tulips. I only want two colours—viz., red and yellow—but the brightest and best of these. Probably some of the oldest varieties are best in this way: One bed to be single red, one single yellow, and the third double red. I thought of carpeting one with forget-me-not, another with Arabis albida, and the third with Anemone robinsoniana. I would be glad to receive any suggestions and hints, and also the names of the most suitable tulips for my purpose. The tulips would be left in the ground, and the beds have lilies and delphiniums planted in them.—J. M.

[You cannot do better than plant Ophir d'Or, yellow, and the white Pottebakker, but nothing is so brilliant as T. gesneriana. The plants used as a carpeting for the beds cannot be bettered.—Ed.]

LONDON HOUSING.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Among the really useful people in this country the Registrar-General ought to be given a place of honour. How often, after the expenditure of so much breath in vague generalities and vague sentiments, does he come along with a few hard incidental facts that show things in their true light? A case in point is furnished by his statement about houses in the recently published Census reports for the City of London. We are told several times a week that the working population is outgrowing its housing capacity. Nothing of the kind, says the Registrar-General. Population has increased by 7·3 per cent., but the total number of tenements by 8·7 per cent. Houses with five rooms and upwards numbered 307,037 in 1891 and in 1901 they had grown to 347,516, and large tenements have multiplied at about double the rate of small Gross exaggeration appears to have been employed in regard to various other aspects of the housing question. Thus there has been a falling-off of 20 per cent. in the number of people who live in one-room houses, whereas from some of the newspaper articles, working London seemed crammed into these dens at the rate of about a score to every room. Excessive overcrowding appears to have diminished by 26·6 per cent. This is satisfactory as far as it goes, but a real grievance remains. Those who have most closely studied the facts will agree that rents have become far too high in proportion to wages, and the problem of the future is really to provide a working man's house at a rental that can be comfortably paid by him. While it is most desirable to check the great and usually exaggerated talk about overcrowding, it is most essential, at the same time, that we should not take our ease in Zion or fall back into an indolent content. There is plenty of practical hard work yet to be done by those interested in the housing question, but it wants to be taken up in a cool, business-like, methodical manner, not with the *trop de zele* from which so many of our City agitators suffer.—S. Boothson.

POISONED PARROTS.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Some months ago, in Jamaica, I put three grey parrots into a large aviary; they were in perfect health, but in three days they were dead. Of course they climbed about incessantly on the wire netting of the cage, using their beaks freely in so doing. I attribute their death to metallic poisoning, and wish to ask if any of your readers can inform me what wires or bars are poisonous to beak-climbing birds (if I may be allowed the expression) and what are not. What wire, or fine bars (not wooden) could I substitute in the aviary, which would be quite innocuous to parrots, climb they never so vigorously?—D. P.

ESKIMO DOGS.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—I am instructed by Her Royal Highness the Princess Stephanie Countess de Lougay to send you the enclosed photographs, and to ask you to kindly publish the same in your paper if you think them good enough. Her Royal Highness thinks this family of Eskimo dogs quite unusually handsome, and in fact very rare. The mother and father of the pups were sent to the Princess by Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden and Norway.—Ida Haas, Lectrice de Son Altesse Royale.

FOOLHARDINESS.

[To the Editor of "Country Life."]

Sir,—May I hope that you will use the influence of your paper to support the recommendation of the jury that sat at the inquest on Miss Brookes, the female parachutist who met with a fatal accident at Sheffield on Tuesday of Whitsun week? They ask the Home Secretary to prohibit all such exhibitions in future, and surely they are quite right. Descending with a parachute is a feat that has nothing in its favour except its danger. If a man be seen about to dive from London Bridge, he is promptly taken into custody; but, after all, diving is a most useful accomplishment, and one in which daring and boldness have time and again helped to save life. But coming down with a parachute is a perfectly useless performance. Imagination can scarcely construct a scene of danger in which the ability to do it could be of any possible service. The attraction it exercises is simply the fascination derived from a knowledge that the man or woman is liable at any moment to be dashed to the earth and be killed. This is a very brutal form of pleasure. I am not in the slightest degree opposed to manly and athletic feats, but the very opposite; and I do not object to danger provided that it be of a kind which a sailor, a fireman, or others who pursue perilous callings might be legitimately called upon to meet, but danger for danger's sake marks a return to savagery, and I trust that the petition of the jurors will have the desired effect.—R. Gower.

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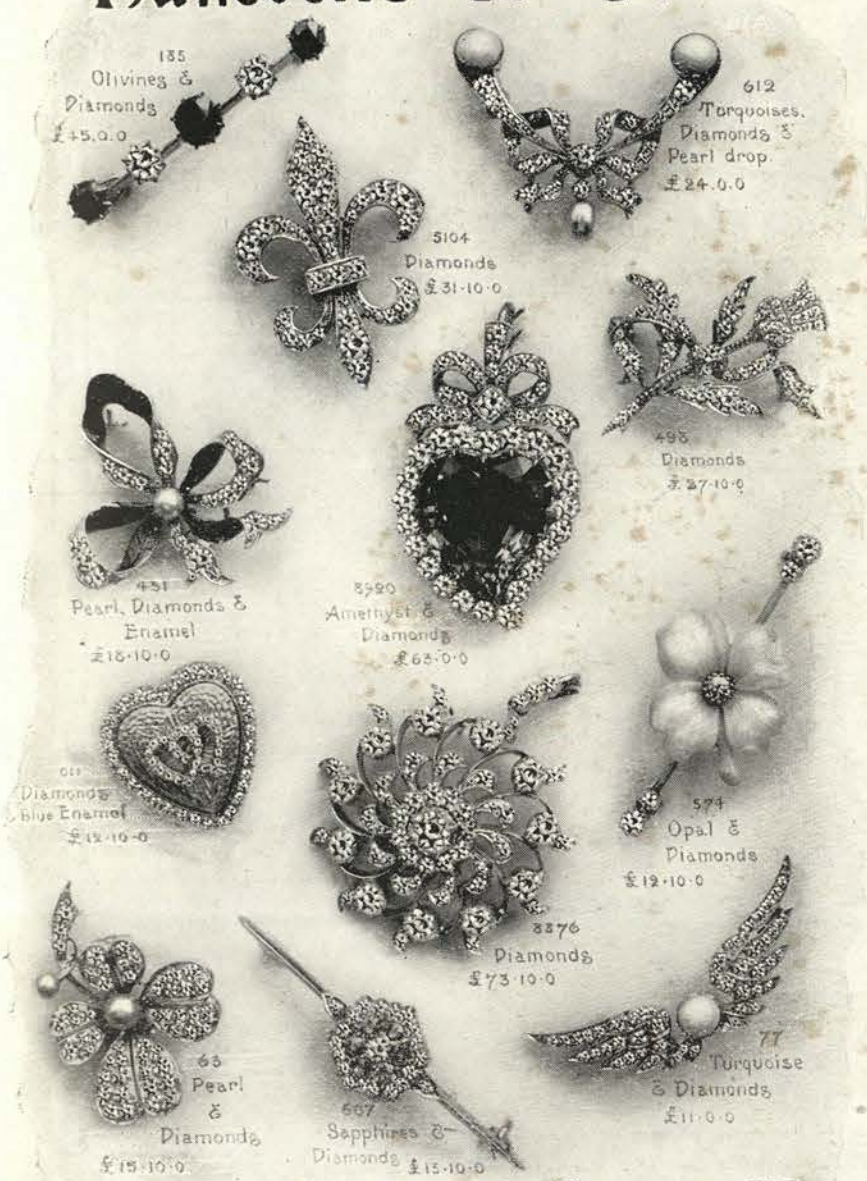

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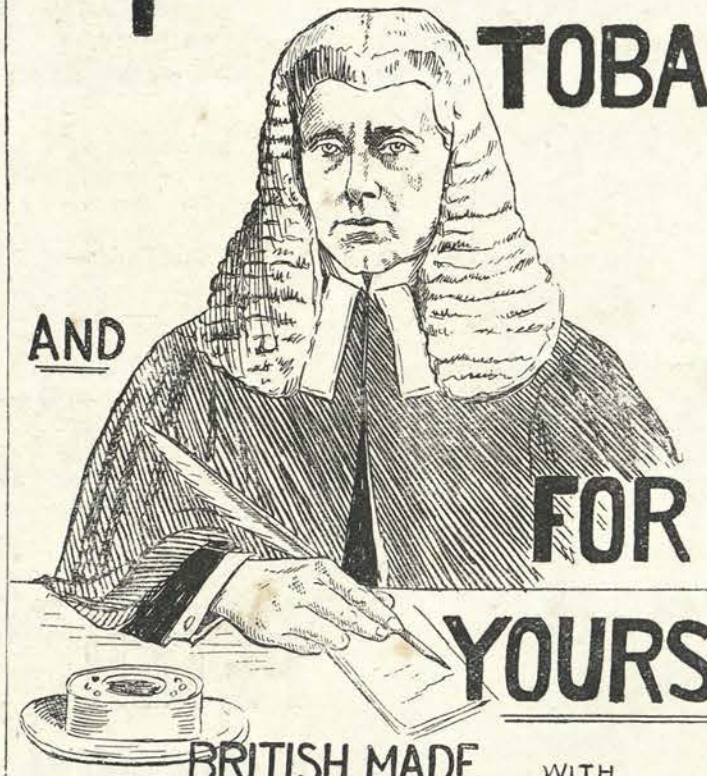

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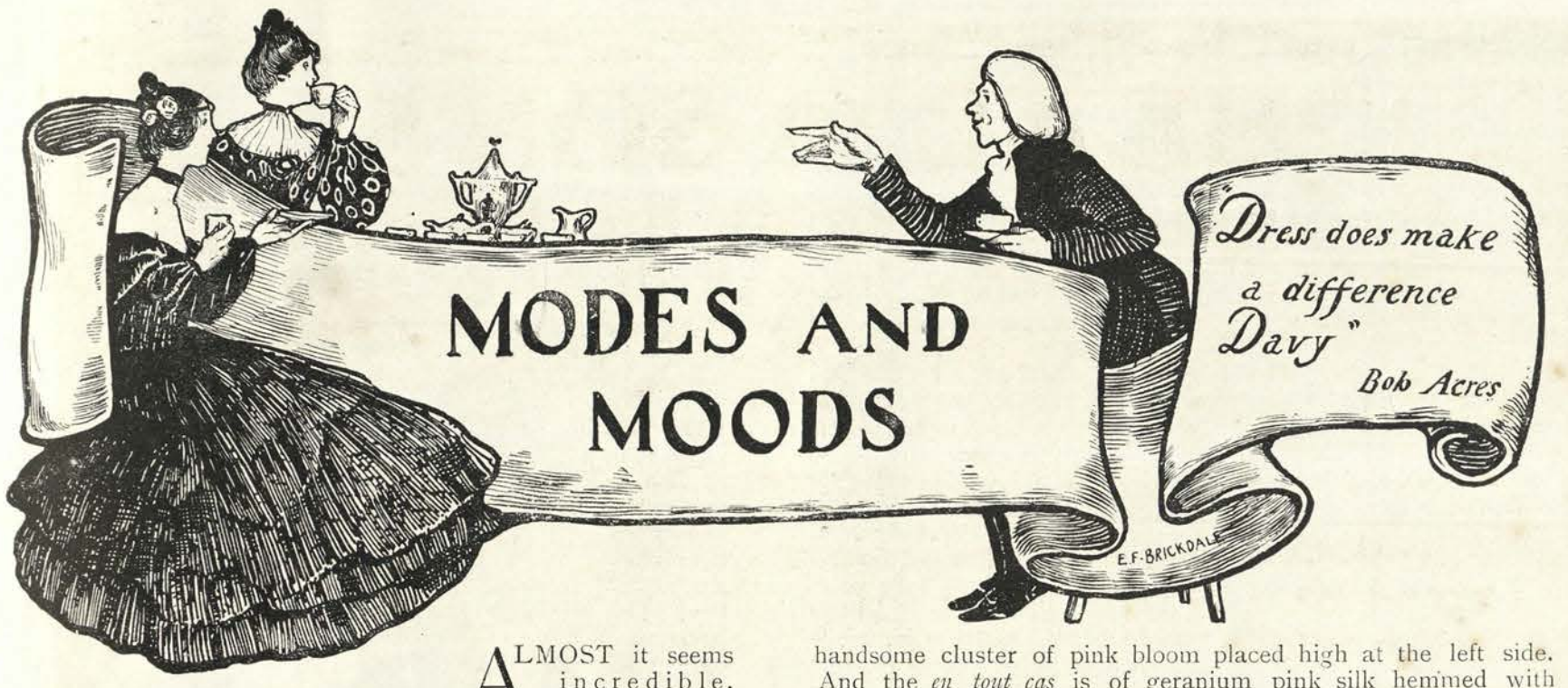

MODES AND MOODS

ALMOST it seems incredible, nevertheless is it only too true, that we are on the fringe of Ascot. Whirled along in the maelstrom of mad joyous frolic, yclept the season, one loses all grasp of time; most reprehensible conduct, by the way, as we shall shortly have to admit, when the day of reckoning comes along. Meanwhile, it suffices for our unconscionableness, that we own sufficient muslin frocks, linen costumes, reception and ball toilettes, with millinery galore, to enable us to meet with becoming grace the seductive swim of the season.

To those away, happily away it behoves one to think, in the depth and peace of the country, food for reflection may be found in the vogue of some new and eminently dainty little shirts of silk mousseline, crêpe de chine or soft silk, the chief decorative detail whereof is comprised in a yoke of lace, that is either continued in a straight narrow line down the centre of the front, or in three tapering points, an effect mostly repeated at the back.

All manner of lace is requisitioned toward this latest ornamental decree, from the coarse darned filet, to the filmiest Chantilly. A white silk Maltese, shaped to form a tapering point down the centre, asserted itself the *pièce de resistance* on a white crêpe de chine, while a very cobweb-like French lace, after amiably shaping a yoke-piece, gradually tailed off in sharp "dents" in a round to simulate a bolero, the main fabric of the affair being a lovely pale blue silk lawn. Although, if the truth be told, lace takes a fully equal share in the promotion of these really sweet little shirts. And the notion, when one comes to reflect, is most ingenious, since the decree is steadfast that the simple silhouette shall be maintained. Wherefore is there nothing left but an infinite variety of outline.

Collars, when they are affected at all, are mostly of the pelerine order, that is, if it be so desired, that the sternest dictates of fashion be followed. These pelerines are fitted slightly below the base of the throat, that a suspicion of chemisette may be revealed, which latter is usually privileged to form one with a close collar-band. And I perceive a somewhat happy example occurs in the cause of that simple muslin frock pictured. A spotted white or cream quality muslin is intended, the skirt deftly stitched into three graduated tucks. The bodice is practically a blouse, surmounted by one of the above-mentioned pelerines of coarse Cluny lace set on beneath little revers of pastel blue panne, a colour relief that finds much tasteful repetition at the waist. While a further and still more effective break is declared in a smart broad plateau formed entirely of geranium leaves, with a handsome cluster of pink bloom placed high at the left side. And the *en tout cas* is of geranium pink silk hemmed with grass lawn.

SIMPLE SPOTTED MUSLIN FROCK WITH LACE PELERINE.

My best respects invariably attend the woman who dares the boldly contrasting hat. But such boldness asks to be lived up to. There must be throughout an emphatic note of *chic*, an impression of individual knowledge, and absolutely no suggestion of a tentative searching after novelty; rather an assured sense of what is right. Here for example is a scheme at once charming and successful. Navy blue coat and skirt, pale mauve shirt, and chapeau with predominant note of green. Or another, a biscuit linen suit, old rose silk or lawn shirt with black silk cravat, and hat of faded mauve roses; and so on. The individual colourist is always such a relief, as equally indeed is the individual dresser throughout.

Mrs. Brown Potter, for instance, what a distinctive presence is hers, thanks to her perfect wisdom in steadily affecting a picturesque attire, rather than attempting adherence to some merely smart code. Reciting in that deep, rich mellifluous voice of hers at Mr. Frank Boor and Mr. Mervyn Dene's concert at St. James's Hall on the 26th, she stood a veritable picture, with one side of her long artistic pelisse thrown back, a very dream of a pelisse fashioned of soft black lace over white satin, falling from a little Empire bolero of "cotte de maille" jet sequins, her lovely bronze gold hair surmounted by a chapeau of white Tuscan straw of just the right artistic flavour, with hanging lappets of jetted lace, the whole raised from the head by a bandeau of white roses.

A most representative audience had been gathered together, to listen to the admirable programme provided, which included amongst others the always irresistible names of Maurice Farkoa, Hayden Coffin, and Dan Leno. The "Honeysuckle and the Bee," sung in French by Mr. Maurice Farkoa, is one of the daintiest *chansons* imaginable.

Another Entertainment that promises much pleasurable interest is a Garden Fête and Variety Entertainment in aid of the Victoria Hospital for Children, which takes place on July 2nd, in the Ranelagh Gardens, adjoining the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, under most distinguished patronage, headed by T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales. The flower stall will be held by the Duchess of Argyll, Countess Carrington presiding over the toys, while Viscountess Chelsea provides pottery, and Lady Audrey Buller sweets, etc. The programme furthermore includes such delectable items as operatic and skirt dancing by children in costume, a Ping-Pong

Tournament and an exhibition of living chess. All success to so bright a venture.

Reverting to grass lawn, I have to chronicle a great revival in favour of this sturdy ephemerality. It lends itself to a very plethora of ornamental ends in the shape of selvedge hems, foundations for collars; while hemstitched and tucked, is it privileged to fashion quite the most successful collars for the linen coatee. Spotted again, particularly pin spotted with black, does it create quite charming frocks, tucked and inset with either black or beige lace, the neutral harmony relieved by that insistent emerald green, in the shape of *en tout cas*, jupon, and wings or foliage in the chapeau.

In proportion as the detail of dress grows more insistent, so are we the more persuaded as to the varying possibilities of neutral tints, to which the very last recruit is "nèfle" or medlar. In either voile or souple cloth is this most worthy to be considered, and being almost a colour—if one may so say—the temptation to introduce that tempering touch of black is well-nigh irresistible. I know of a gown destined for Ascot, built of this "nèfle" cloth, that boasts a most original basqued bodice, a basque cut away in front and falling in a decidedly long point at the back, where it is laid in flat folds. The waist is defined by a rather high folded ceinture of black souple satin, while the top of the corsage is cut appreciably décolleté, and the sleeves thrown back at the elbow with cavalier cuffs, to show an under-bodice of tucked white taffeta, with cravat ends of plisse black chiffon falling either side the front, each from a respective paste button.

But as was authoritatively predicted quite early in the spring, it is the white gown which is carrying all before it. The coarse white crash linen is really adorable, and makes up into the neatest, most *chic* little costumes imaginable. This material is, of itself, so thoroughly characteristic, a perfect build and stitched strappings are all the assistance asked towards its elegant completion. While a still more resisting variety, though one of rather freer weave, is spotted the size of a sixpence in colours on a neutral-tinted ground, and requisitioned to the particular cause of the yachting and boating shirt, the edge of the "marin" collar outlined by a waved insertion of braid lace. A successful career may safely be prophesied for such a brave departure, allied either to a coat and skirt of Navy blue serge or the more immediately pressing linen suit.

THE FASHIONABLE CLOTH DUST COAT.

And coarse white linen, while I remember, is the last fad for chemisettes or vests, completed by turned-down linen collars, for wearing with yachting or river costumes. It is, of course, the lightest of the coarse quality procurable, wherefore will the presence of the stitched, tucked ornamentation, not be misunderstood. Though of a fact nothing is impossible in these days to the dexterous needlewoman.

Just what is going to become of all the elaborated dust cloaks prepared for races and the summer festivities, is a story that has yet to be written. Since the bulk of fashionable affection is being obviously bestowed on the simple loose sacque coats of cloth, with roomy bell-shaped sleeves. Here is the prevailing idea pictured in a zinc white cloth, as fine and souple as silk, a model that rests for its sole success on bold effective outline. The buttons, only visible when the coat is closed, are gilt of the new convex centre set in square mounts.

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Of course I went to the meet of the Coaching Club on Saturday, not so much with the intention of looking at the horses as of seeing the dresses, for time was when that meet was a real function. But this year it was nothing of the kind, and the mere man (I must confess that he seemed to know a good deal about horses) who was present for COUNTRY LIFE gave a malicious explanation of the absence of what Press men used to call the fair sex. It was simply that the sky looked like rain, and if they could not go out in all their finery they would not go out at all. It was easy, he said, for the ladies who occupied proud positions on box seats to look nice, because they could dress in character to the occasion; and certainly they did—he is sure to have given their names. HERMIONE.

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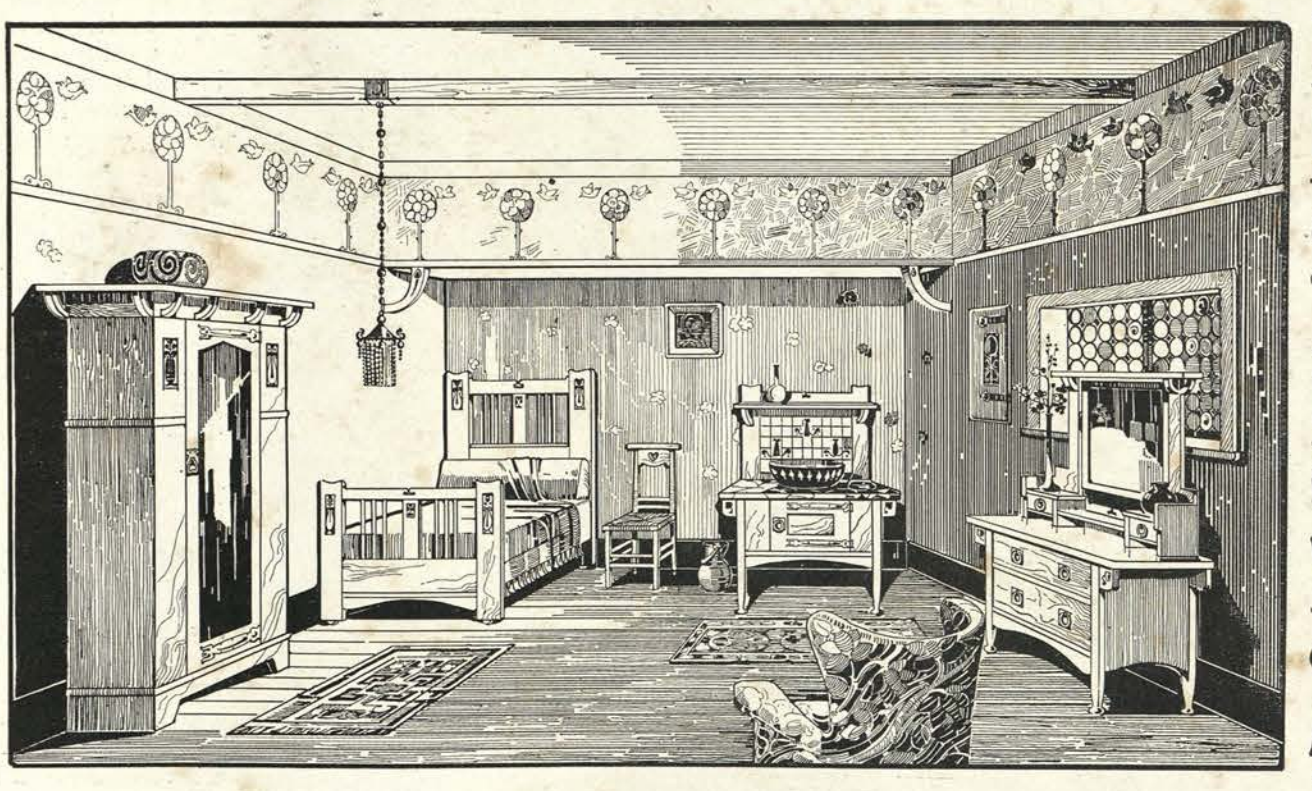

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SUCH playgoers as have had the good fortune to see Madame Réjane in "Zaza" at the Imperial Theatre could only then realise the complex nature of the emotional woman that figures as the chief character in MM. Berton and Simon's daring drama. Hitherto in this country we have had to be satisfied with such presentations of her as were given by Mrs. Leslie Carter and Mrs. Lewis Waller. That the American actress, of the two, got nearer to the inwardness of the part must have been apparent to everybody, for she can suggest the warm nature of a woman of the Latin race with greater truth than Mrs. Waller, but yet fail to give it the touch that makes it life.

That Madame Réjane's appearance in this play—the success of which is so closely identified with her name—in London had stirred curiosity deeply there was no doubt. Those who had seen the play before wondered if the French actress would give a performance sufficiently great to compensate for the telling of an old story that is not quite free from the charge of being tawdry. To say therefore that there was no disappointment with Madame Réjane's presentation of her original part would be a very poor way of expressing the feelings of those that were present. She raised the play to a level that those who had never seen her in it before must have thought impossible, and she gained her effects with an apparent ease that made them all the more fascinating. The woman that Madame Réjane showed her audience was different from the Zaza that they had seen before. Her coquetry was something new, admirable, and delightful. In the scene where her anger is turned to tears by the voice of Bernard's little girl the sob in her throat was painfully affecting. The coming home again after the long night in the train, the awakening hope that all might yet be well, the impending catastrophe, the fierce quarrel with Bernard, were all intensely painful, yet wondrously acted, and she was cheered again and again. The last short act, where Zaza is such a changed woman, was charmingly played, and made a fitting finale to a memorable performance.

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MISS ADA REEVE, one of the recognised stars of musical comedy, has been prevented by illness from playing the part for which she was cast in "Three Little Maids" at the Apollo. After some weeks it is hoped that she will be strong enough to again delight her numerous admirers. Her last appearance was as Kitty Grey at the Apollo. Her triumph in "Florodora" at the Lyric will be easily remembered by theatre-goers.

IN selecting "Le Maitre de Forges" as the first play in which to make her reappearance in London, after an absence of about nine years, Madame Jane Hading was probably influenced by the popularity that the story enjoys in this country. During her four weeks' season at the Coronet Theatre she will, however, be seen in a great number of plays, both old and new, all of which will, it may be relied upon, afford this charming actress scope for the display of her great ability. "Le Maitre de Forges," or "The Ironmaster," as it is known in this country, has for many years been a favourite piece in Mr. and Mrs. Kendal's repertoire, and whilst the character of its heroine is interesting—mainly though by reason of the surrounding circumstances—it is not sufficiently complex to offer any opportunities to

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MISS LILY BRAYTON, appearing this week at Her Majesty's Theatre as Viola in Mr. Tree's revival of "Twelfth Night," was—like her husband, Mr. Oscar Asche, who is also one of the leading players at Her Majesty's—

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before coming to London a member of Mr. F. R. Benson's Shakespearean Company. The first time she played with Mr. Tree was in "Herod," when, owing to the illness of Miss Maud Jeffries, she took up the part of Mariamne. That was succeeded by Viola in "Twelfth Night" last year, after which came her appearance as Trilby to Mr. Tree's Svengali. Last

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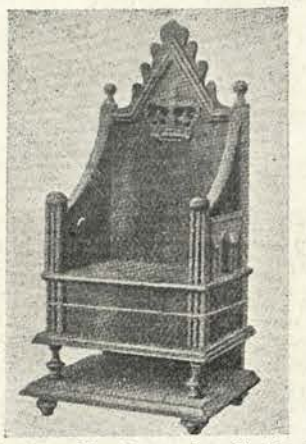

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AT the Avenue Theatre a new one-act play by Horace W. C. Newte, entitled "Gentleman Jack," now precedes "The Little French Milliner." It has for a hero a gentleman highwayman, who on his way to the place of execution calls, as was in those days the custom, at an inn in High Holborn to drink a stirring cup. There he meets with a man who was his friend before he became an outlaw. This man had committed a murder, for which Jack had been falsely accused, with the result that he changed his name and took to the highway. The girl whom Jack loved also appears at the inn. She is ignorant of his fate, and tells him that she had loved him during those four years of silence. A reprieve arrives for Jack, but when a moment later he learns that she is married to the real murderer and has a child, he destroys the reprieve and goes off with the executioner. The play is absurdly sentimental and theatrical. Mr. Hilliard Vox, as the altruistic hero, and Miss Hilda Trevelyan, as the heroine, did their best to make the story convincing; that they did not succeed was not their fault. The piece of the evening, "The Little French Milliner," is as funny as ever, and went splendidly.

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MUSICAL plays that have Mr. Sydney Jones for composer can always be relied upon to attract attention when produced by Mr. George Edwardes. The production of his next piece will, however, take place under his own management, beginning with a tour booked to start at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, on August 11th. The book is by Mr. G. H. Jessop. The reception of the play in the provinces will determine the date of its production in London.

The next important musical play for London will be Mr. Leslie Stuart's, due here next October. The New York production of the same will take place on a night within ten days of the first performance here. Mr. George Edwardes and Mr. Charles are the two managers concerned in the work, which is intended to be produced on a big scale with a star cast in both England and America. The book, which will have a fascinating typewriter at a company promoter's office for a heroine, will be furnished by Mr. Paul Potter, the author of the stage version of "Trilby," also of "The Conquerors," produced by Mr. George Alexander at the St. James's, and other plays. Mr. Stuart is busy writing the music.

MISS AGNES FRASER of the Savoy Theatre, where she plays Miss Bessie Throcmorton in "Merrie England," has passed the whole of her acting career with the Savoy management. She began by touring with "The Vicar of Bray" and "The Lucky Star," but since the production of "The Rose of Persia" has not played elsewhere than at the Savoy. Miss Fraser is a native of Scotland.

"ARIZONA," after about 120 performances, ended its run, as far as London is concerned, at the Princess's on Saturday night, the 31st. This American drama is infinitely better stuff than the dramas usually produced here. It was capitally acted, too, and deserved a very big success as well as a long run. If Augustus Thomas can write plays like "Arizona," it is to be hoped that we shall see more of them in London. In America he is known as the geographical author, because he names his plays after American States. Another of his plays, "Alabama," was well received here.

It rarely happens that two brothers appear at the same time in London as actor-managers, but one of those few occasions will occur during this present month of June, when Mr. George Hawtrey will reopen the Comedy with his new play. He will be supported by a strong company, including that really brilliant actress, Miss Nina Boucicault. Mr. George Hawtrey is reputed to be an exceptionally good judge of a play before it is acted. Let us hope that he has successfully estimated the chances of the comedy with which he is about to enter on management. PHŒBUS.

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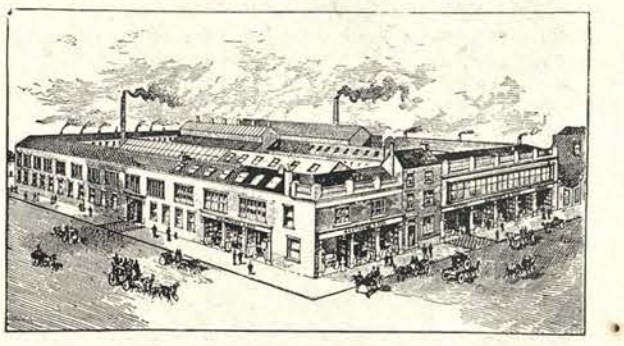

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ON THE GREEN.

BY the time these observations appear in print the chief event in the year's golf will have been decided on the links of Hoylake—a worthy arena. It is many years since the Hoylake greens have looked as well, in the opinion of most of the players who lately met there in the championship that is restricted to the amateurs. Of course, to attempt prophesy on the result is courting trouble as gratuitously as the man who putts into a bunker; but in reply to an invitation given me to-day, and generously given, to back five against the field, I took Braid, Taylor, Vardon—these almost of course—and then Kinnell, because he is so good a putter—and putting counts for so much at Hoylake—finally, Mr. Graham, who seems to win all the amateur scoring competitions at Hoylake. Why should he not win one that is open as well? Other Hoylake men have done so before him; they are still in the field—Mr. Ball and Mr. Hilton. Their prospects are not to be disregarded. Neither is that of Herd, in the Indian summer of his golfing career. And there are plenty of others. However, all cannot win; and if the winner is not one out of these that have been named, it will be a surprise. Surprises do happen at golf. They have happened at Hoylake lately. In all courtesy, first place in these observations should have been given to the ladies. It is too late now for gallantry. In their competitions, too, there were surprises. The holder, Miss Graham, won her first match by ten up and eight to play. This in itself was surprising. Her defeat in a later heat by Miss E. Nevile, perhaps, was only a little less of a surprise. Miss Nevile was always known to be a strong player, and later again disposed of Miss Sybil Whigham, who hardly seems able to do herself all the justice that she should in these championship tournaments. The final was left to be decided between the two players who had probably shown the most consistently good golf all through—Miss Nevile and Miss May Hezlet. No championship of the mere man ever has produced so fine a finish as this one. We have seen a final carried to one extra hole; the great match at Prestwick between Mr. Ball and the late Mr. Tait was an instance in point, the former winning by doing the first hole in three. But in the case of this latest championship of the ladies they had to play two extra holes before the great decision was reached in favour of Miss Hezlet, who was, I think, champion of the ladies three years ago. It is rather singular how well the Irish ladies have come out in the championship—there is Miss Rhona Adair as well as Miss Hezlet. The Irish men have shown nothing like the same relative aptitude for the game. Mr. Harold Reade has proved himself dangerous in very good company, but he is the only one that occurs to me, and his play does not seem quite consistent.

Golf Illustrated has been canvassing some of the best professionals to get their opinion on the Haskell ball. They do not think much of it—such at least is the contemptuous view of Braid, Vardon, and Herd. I do not see that Taylor has spoken. All condemn it for the short game, and, what may seem more singular, Braid and Vardon say they cannot drive it as far as a "gutty." It is quite to be believed. For men who hit as hard as they hit, the "Haskell" may not give any advantage over the "gutty" in length. The advantage may even be with "gutty." But for the medium hitter it is certain that the "Haskell" gives greater length from the tee, and a considerably greater ease of driving through the green, whether with wooden or iron clubs, though chiefly with the latter. For the short game, I do not know so much. But, after all, hitting the ball is the fun.

HORACE HUTCHINSON.

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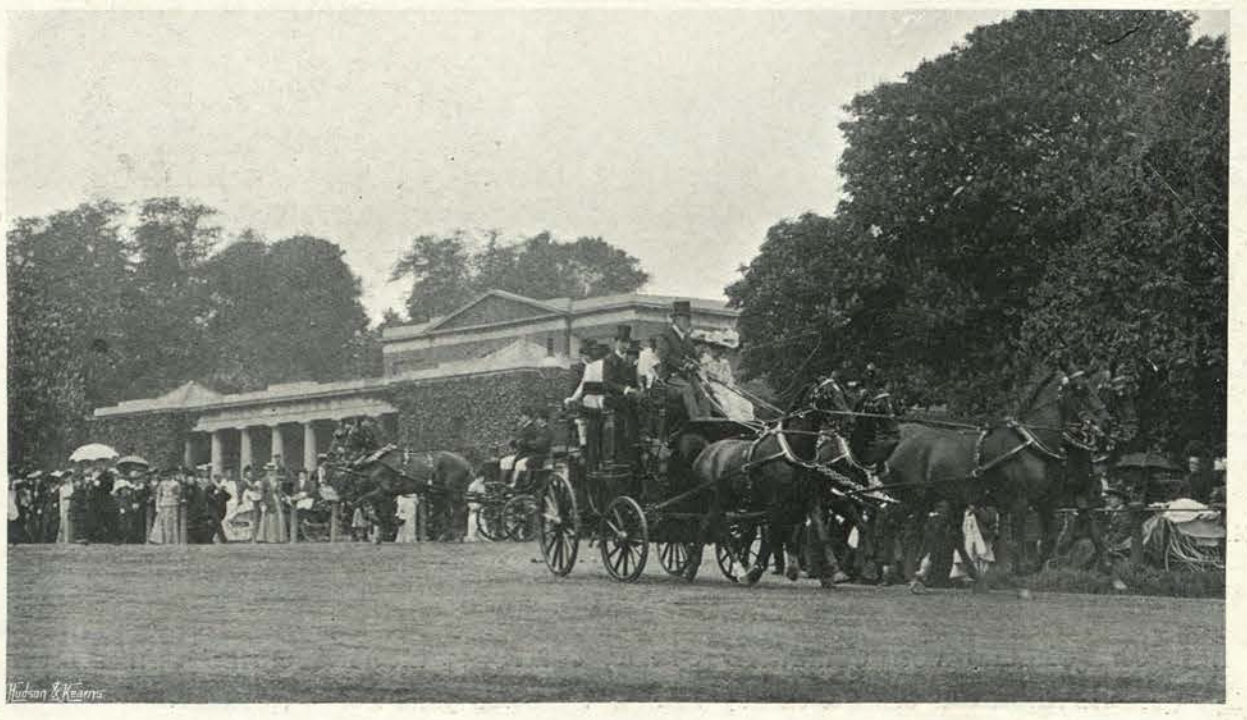
MEET OF THE . . . . . COACHING CLUB.

ON Saturday last the Coaching Club met at the Magazine under a new president, Lord Newlands, the successor of Lord Hothfield, and a new vice-president, Mr. Albert Brassey. The scene, it must be confessed, was hardly as brilliant as usual, although the number of coaches, which was twenty-eight, was two in excess of those which put in an appearance on the corresponding occasion last year, and the quality of the teams was on the whole excellent. Spectators were, however, few; partly because it was known that this year, as last, there would be no military coaches present by reason of the war which is now happily over. But the weather had more to say in the matter. Indeed, there could be no greater contrast than that between the grey and threatening morning of Saturday, when the suspense attending the protracted peace negotiations was visibly telling upon the public mind, and the splendid June morning on which these lines are being written, a morning on which London is bright with flags from end to end and joyful crowds are cheering in Whitehall as Ministers are assembling to discuss at last the inestimable blessing of peace. Saturday's sky was indeed full of menace, and it had the effect of keeping away the great army of ladies who, if they cannot go forth to see spectacles and to be seen themselves in toilettes befitting the season, are apt not to go forth at all.

Nevertheless, to those who have pleasure in the sight of a horse, and of groups of four horses in the pink of condition, admirably matched or striking because they are not matched at all in colour, the scene was full of delight from the moment at which Mr. Ernest Palmer, a new member of last year, brought his rattling chestnuts up in grand style, to that at which Mr. Arthur Foster, with Lady Teynham and Lady Lacon on his box, came galloping up with his chestnut team just in time to reach the parade before his fellow-members started for the circuit of the Park—for, again probably by reason of the weather, only a few coaches did the regulation drive to Hurlingham.

The whole meet was a great success, although severe critics have noted that the efforts of the committee to induce members to keep their distances with the same precision as men-of-war moving in "line ahead" were quite barren of result. But, after all, a team of horses are not, thank goodness, as an engine to which the engineer can prescribe so many revolutions with the certainty of obtaining an exactly calculated speed. Best amongst the teams, by universal consent, were the browns of the vice-president, whom the Hon. Mrs. Brassey accompanied on the box seat; but the browns of the president, who had with him Lady Mostyn and the Hon. Walter and Lady Margaret Rice, were also very good. Browns also were driven by Sir David Salomons, Mr. Charles Phillips, Mr. E. Baldock, Mr. Hall Walker, M.P., Captain Quintin Dick, and Mr. Charles Van Raalte, who was accompanied by Lady Constance Hatch. Bay were the teams of Mr. S. Hope Morley, Mr. Richard Budgett (who had Lord and Lady



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Bathurst with him), Mr. W. M. Chinnery, Captain Kelso, R.N., Mr. Hubert Mundey, Colonel Wyatt Turner, Mr. FitzHugh Whitehouse, and Mr. Francis Whitehouse. Mr. E. O. Stern had, as usual, four splendid blue roans, and Lady Orford occupied his box seat.

Blacks were driven by Mr. B. S. Faudel Phillips and by Mr. Colston, M.P., whose coach carried Lord and Lady Portsmouth and Lord Valentia, M.P. Mixed teams were those of Mr. R. Hargreaves, Mr. J. H. Horton, whom the Lady Mayoress and the Lord Mayor honoured, Mr. W. F. H. Holt-Beever, and Mr. A. J. Forbes-Leith; and, finally, to the chestnut teams already noted may be added those of Mr. F. G. Banbury, M.P., Mr. Lindsay Hogg, and Mr. C. E. Charlesworth. Altogether it was a fine muster, and those who omitted to be present missed a good deal.

FOUR old-fashioned open meetings provided entertainment for racing men last week, and, being fairly well patronised by owners, sport was good. That meetings like Bath and Salisbury cannot hope to compete in the value of their stakes with big gate-money meetings like Kempton and Manchester is a truism, but they afford owners a good opportunity of running second-rate horses, and, as we saw last week, are productive of large fields, and several close and exciting finishes. Lansdown never looked prettier than it then did, and the going was excellent. This is really one of the best courses in the country, and in the palmy days of Bath it ranked high in the estimation of sportsmen, and great was the rejoicing locally when the blue and white colours of the late Duke of Beaufort were seen in front. The Jockey Club Plate on the first day brought out a field of seven, and the public made a good selection when they backed Rathburne and Splash Point at 5 to 2 and 3 to 1, for they had the finish to themselves, and the latter just squeezed home by a head. The Badminton Plate brought out a large field of two year olds, but did not reveal anything of special merit, Eagle's Visit getting the best of a bumping finish. There was an objection to the winner, but the stewards —Sir Ernest Paget, Sir William Throckmorton, and Mr. R. Pryor—overruled it, a verdict which occasioned considerable surprise. This season's racing has been so far productive of probably the largest number of objections on record, a result no doubt of the loss of power occasioned by the new system of riding. No jockey crouching on his horse's neck can possibly exercise the same control over his mount as he would do if he rode with longer stirrups in the old-fashioned way. Still, it cannot be denied that the balance of success is with those who have adopted the American seat.

The Great Northern Handicap at York gave an exciting finish between that most uncertain horse Pax and Squire Jack, and the judge was unable to separate them at the finish. Lord Ellesmere's old horse won this race last year, but he is a difficult horse to ride, and it was not till the race was half over that he began to gallop; when he did begin to try he came at a great pace, and if the post had been 10yds. further off would have won. Free Companion, who had been heavily backed, cut up very badly, and caused much disappointment among his supporters. No Denial carried off the Zetland Stakes in good style after having got rather the better of the start. Close finishes were the order of the day at York, and indeed elsewhere throughout the week, and we saw a very promising young rider, Knott, an apprentice of A. Sadler's, ride a very strong and determined race, just landing Cara Mia a winner by a head.

At Doncaster and Salisbury the weather was fine and, indeed, hot, and large crowds filled the enclosures; fields were large, especially at the South Country meeting. In the Portland Stakes Cateran Lad, who has so frequently caused disappointment, gave weight to everything in the race, and won in a style which he does not often exhibit. Tippler continued his successful career, and annexed a two year old race in the easiest style. His form is decidedly useful, and he is well worth following. The Doncaster Spring Handicap was thought to be a good thing for Sonatura, but she did not show anything like the form which she showed at Newmarket, and Sir Blundell Maple carried off the prize by the aid of Petridge, who, well served by the inside berth, led throughout, and won by two lengths from Cockhill, to whom he was giving 1st. 5lb.

At Salisbury Decave, backed up to evens in a big field, won by three parts of a length after a good race with Fair Meddler and Icon. A 6 to 4 chance, Blythswood, won the Stand Selling Race from twelve others. Bookers had a real good day, for two other favourites got home—namely, Holme Lacey, who was backed at 6 to 4, and Carlton House, whose starting price was returned at 5 to 4. Mr. Pizzey's disappointment with Icon was made up for when that useful horse Moneyspinner won the Salisbury Cup, and the numerous followers of Mr. Pizzey's "tips" profited accordingly at the remunerative price of 6 to 1.

At Doncaster Aigrette, in her new owner's hands, earned a winning bracket, and was bought in for £100. In the Chesterfield Handicap Glenapp scored a meritorious victory in the hands of young John Watts, while in the Rinovata filly we were introduced to a nice two year old, which won very easily for Sir S. Lockhart.

Intending visitors to Ascot should take note that no motor-cars will be allowed on the heath, and that the following revised charges will be in force: Weekly tickets for the paddock, £2; day tickets, £1; for the reserved carriage enclosure—Weekly tickets will be £5, day tickets on Tuesday and Thursday £2, and on Wednesday and Friday £1.

Mr. Whitney has made an arrangement with M. Chaillant whereby he will be able to claim the services of Johnny Rieff to ride in certain specified races in England.

The annual meeting of the Jockey Club will be held at 49, Belgrave Square, on Monday, June 9th. The business includes the fixing of the Newmarket programme for next year. The stewards of the Jockey Club have had before them the case of Lyndon Green remitted to them by the Manchester stewards. Mr. Southall's explanation that he had backed his horse to win, but had told Dixon, the jockey, that if he could not win he was not to get a place was considered, and, the stewards holding that such orders were dangerous and improper, cautioned Dixon, and reprimanded Mr. Southall. It has been a common practice for many years to tell a jockey that he need not ride a horse out for a place, and it is difficult to see how such a thing could be stopped, but to give orders that a horse is to be stopped from getting a place is another matter. The stewards are quite right in endeavouring to put a stop to all practices which may be used for the purpose of deceiving the handicapper. MENDIP.

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In the first volume, *North, South, and Over the Sea*, we present a book that is typical of the series. The authoress, M. E. Francis (Mrs. Francis Blundell), needs no introduction, as for some time back she has been a welcome and highly-prized contributor to our columns, where, indeed, some of the best stories in this volume, and some of the best she has ever written, have already appeared. If called upon to give day and date for this statement, the tale to which we should first turn to substantiate it would, we think, be "Giles in Luck." Probably there are some among the very young who may be surprised at this. The sketch is so very simple, the rendering so natural and easy, that the writer's art almost escapes notice. All the plot in it could be condensed into two lines. Giles, a pauper, falls into a legacy. He leaves, the workhouse, but only to wish to return to it. Nothing in it, you say, and yet an entire vision of old age, its poetry, its pitifulness, is crowded into the rendering. Yet there is no approach to sentimentality. How simple and natural are the reasons given by the ex-pauper. "I've a-been twenty year here," observed Giles, making the statement in a dispassionate tone. "I know 'em all here, and I'm used to the ways. I couldn't never get used to no other ways, and no other folks. I'd sooner bide, mum, if ye'd ax 'em to let me. I'd not give no trouble—no more'n I ever did, an' I'd pay for my keep." There you have the *aurea mediocritas* of the really great writers. Had Mrs. Blundell read into this man's mind a scintilla of the mingled amusement and compassion his words excite, the thing would have been spoiled. Here you have ordinary humanity using its natural homely expression. And with what quiet yet vivid art does she picture for us the old man back in the old smoking-room with his old friends. "The room was full of tobacco smoke, and the inmates were sitting or standing about as usual. Giles sat in his old corner, with Jim opposite to him; both had removed their coats, and the grizzled heads were bent together over the battered cards. 'You be in luck, Jim,' Giles exclaimed, as the matron closed the door; 'you've turned up a Jack!'" We do not, as a rule, care much for names and labels in literature, but this is realism of the best sort. Anyone wishing to contrast it with a romantic treatment of a similar theme will do well to read Tennyson's "Grandmother." Here, as is befitting in verse, you have age dreaming dreams of youth, of old loves and rivals and quarrels, of nightingales that sang when "the moon, like a rick on fire, was rising over the dale." Imagination gilds the one tale, the other tries at an exact rendering of the period in life when mind and body alike have grown feeble and shaky. We may cite another passage to illustrate Mrs. Blundell's delight in the unsentimental. It is a sort of unwritten epitaph of a wife by her husband. He had married chiefly on account of a mysterious savings-bank book which was supposed to represent a small fortune. At her death, however, it was discovered that the hoard amounted only to £3. "'Mary,' he says, 'it wer'n't what I did look for, an' it wer'n't what I were led to expect, but takin' one thing wi' another,' says he, 'I don't regret it. Poor Sarah was a wonderful hand at man'ging pigs,' says he, 'and I never see'd her equal for bringin' up chickens. No,' he says, 'I don't regret it.'" How very natural all that is! It represents one side of peasant life with exquisite precision. There are other sides, of course—gleams of strangeness and mystery that show in the homeliest lives, and often enough find quaint expression, but it is for the romanticist to find and elaborate them. A case of this kind came under the writer's notice not long ago. There was an aged Scotch peasant woman who, during a long married life, consistently disliked her husband and cherished an ardent passion for an early lover whom by mischance she had missed, though he, too, remained ever faithful to her memory, and they consoled themselves by thinking that they would have their reward in an eternal companionship after death. "I'll bide ahint Peter's chair," she used to say, "till 'Creeping Jesus'" (the nickname of her limping husband) "be bye, then I'll hank on to the tither!" And that is human nature, too; the same human nature that inspired Pagan dreams of meads whereon grew the asphodel, and where spirits purged of earthly grossness would wander and converse at will.

One conspicuous merit of this latest volume of Mrs. Blundell's is that it gives her gleanings in many parts of Great Britain. We have in the first part, "North," five tales and sketches from Lancashire, the home of her girlhood and the scene of her early book, "In a North Country Village." Of these, curiously enough, it cannot be said that they are in the technical sense quite as realistic as her latest studies in Dorset, her present home. One at least, and we are glad to have had the honour to publish it, is romantic in spirit. The reference is to "Heather in Holborn," wherein one of the chief figures is a very old woman, and here are some of her memories not wholly out of kinship with those of the Lincolnshire grandmother. "Dear o' me, I mind how proud I were when they telled me 'twas a lad, 'a fine lad,' said the woman as did for me. Eh, I thought my heart 'ud fair burst wi' joy! An' he wur such a gradely little chap, so peart an' lively, crowin' and laughin' from mornin' till neet. Dear, yes—soon as ever leet coom he'd come creepin' up to our bed an' pull at the sheet. 'Wakken up, mother,' he'd say; 'mother, it is time to wakken up!' Eh, many a time I fancy I can hear the little voice when I wak' up now in this dark, dirty place. I keep my een shut and hark at the birds chirrupin' and think o' the little hand pluckin' at the sheet and the little voice. An' then the clock strikes, an' I oppen my een an' see the smoke an' the black chimnies—eh, I'm willy smoored among 'em all." Most sweet and tender—*Sunt lachrymæ rerum!*

The other tales in this section are "Golden Sally," "Th' Owdest Member," and "The Conquest of Radical Ted," and an essay as full of her particular lore as any of the stories. From it we cannot help extracting the reply of a poor man

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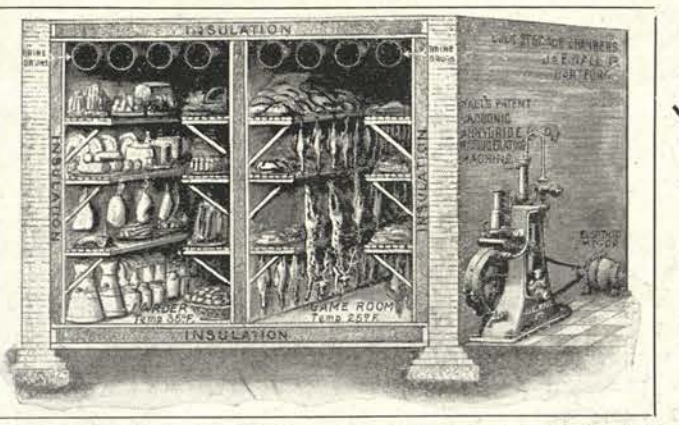

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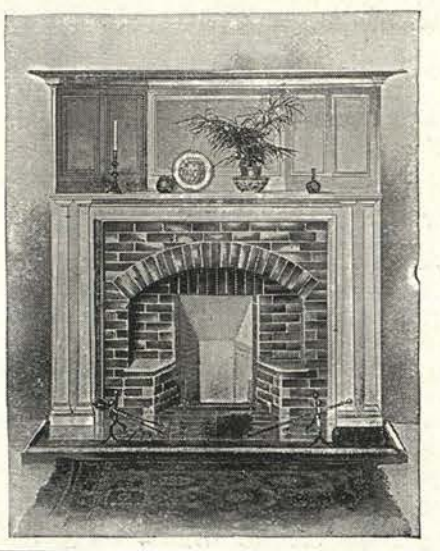

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with whom one had been condoling over the death of his son: "I tell ye," sobbed the inconsolable parent, "if it hadn't bin for what neighbours 'ud say, I'd a-had th' little divil stuffed!" Not much requires to be said here about the Dorset stories, because every one of them has appeared in COUNTRY LIFE, and from the welcome they received we feel sure there are many readers who will like to have them in a volume. The very names awaken pleasant memories of the numbers they appeared in: "The Romance of Brother John," "Giles in Luck," "The Wold Love and the Noo," "Blackbird's Inspiration," and "The Girl He Left Behind Him." We have heard very few horse stories that for humour and pathos and sheer human nature will stand comparison with that of Blackbird. Here is the wife's burden, quite in Mrs. Blundell's raciest vein: "Haven't I worked early and late, and toiled and moiled, and never took a bit of pleasure, and never ax'd ye to lay out no money for I? Baint I a-bringin' up these 'ere pigs by hand for 'ee, Joseph Bold? And a deal o' worry they be. 'Twasn't in the marriage contract, I think, as I should bottle-feed sucking-pigs—was it now, Joseph? I'd 'low parson never thought o' axin' me if I were willin' to do that; but I've a-done it for your sake."

The last section, "Over the Sea," consists of five Irish stories, of which "Elleney" is the best, though all the rest are up to a very high level. They are "In St. Patrick's Ward," "The Flitting of the Old Folks," "The Spider and the Gout," and "Roseen." It will be seen, then, that in this volume Mrs. Blundell gives us her best in no stinted measure. *North, South, and Over the Sea* is a book that will delight all lovers of honest country life and country toil, country joys and griefs, country ways and country animals; a book, too, that from its perfectly healthy tone is well qualified to instil into the young not only a taste for reading, but for the healthy, free life of the open-air.

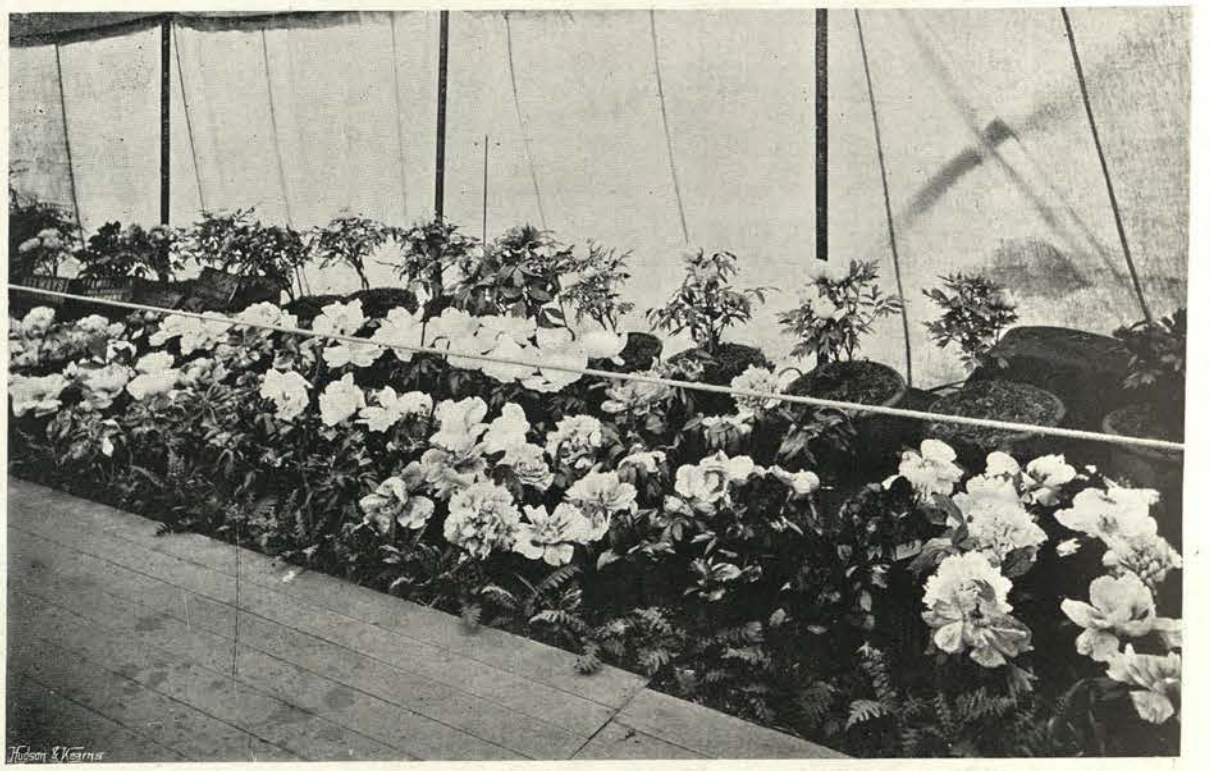
THE TEMPLE SHOW.

ANOTHER Temple Show has gone — the fifteenth of a brilliant series — and the verdict is that the "Coronation" display was one of the most refined and interesting of all, partly, we think, for the reason that there was more freedom in the grouping and a greater regard for appearances.

Many big shows are reflections of a stand in Covent Garden. A meaningless, crushed-up mass, a perpendicular carpet bed, filled with rare, interesting, weedy, and "common" flowers, has constituted many exhibits, and the visitor yearning to discover rarities or beautiful plants not in his or her garden passes over these irritating and bewildering groups for something more restful, and set up with a desire to show the individual beauty of the plants.

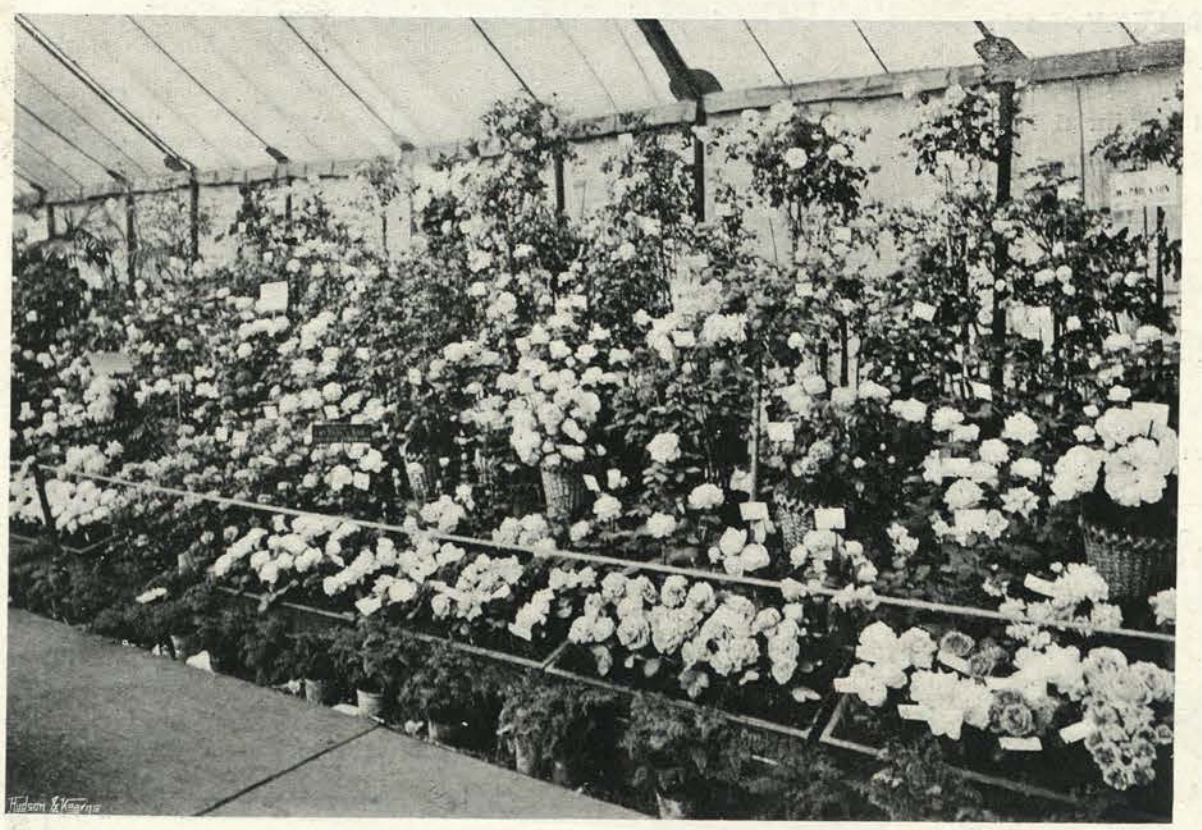
The King and Queen and Princess Victoria paid a private visit on Wednesday morning, and were received by the President of the society, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart., Captain Holford, the Rev. W. Wilks (secretary), and other members of the council. The flowers were in the pink of condition, and the glorious displays of roses and orchids, and the quaint clipped trees and shrubs from Messrs. Cutbush and Sons of Highgate, attracted the attention of the Royal visitors.

Of course, it is impossible to write a detailed report of such an extensive display. It is a huge flower show, and, strange to say, one without a single money prize. The only awards are cups and medals given by the society.



KELWAY'S PÆONIES.

The clipped trees and shrubs, as already mentioned, formed a quaint and strange exhibit. We were reminded of the great clipped yews of Levens and other gardens when standing before those strange devices. Close to Messrs. Cutbush's display was one from that well-known firm, Messrs. Barr and Sons, who had pigmy trees from Japan.



PAUL AND SON'S ROSES.

Opposite were delightful groups, beautifully arranged, and in direct contrast to the sombre yew and little Japanese trees. These groups were composed of maple, oak, beech, and other trees and shrubs; and the most varied and restful display was that made by Messrs. Fisher, Son, and Sibray, Handsworth Nurseries, Sheffield. This contained varieties of some of the most important trees for English gardens, and the Japanese maples were especially well represented. Another very charming group was that from Messrs. Cheal and Sons, Lowfield Nurseries, Crawley, in which a bank of double-flowered lilacs was conspicuous, surrounded by many of the lovely flowering shrubs without which no garden is in any sense complete.

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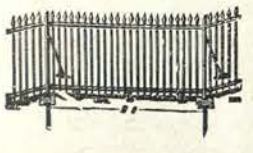

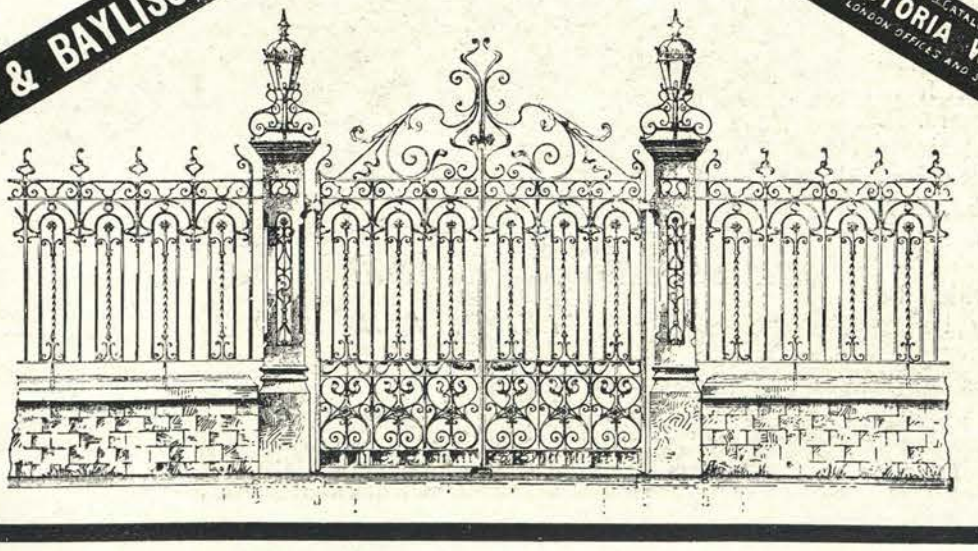

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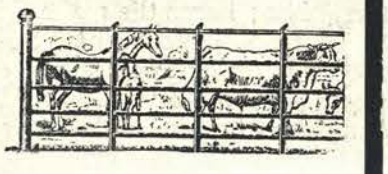

other countries, besides, of course, our native species, which are sometimes forgotten in the search for novelties. Messrs. Cripps and Sons' contribution from Tunbridge Wells was also much admired.

The air in the tents was saturated with the perfume of roses. The flowers made the tents oppressive, and, in the sweltering heat, soon collapsed, some sinking on the boards after being exposed for an hour. We have yet to learn wisdom in

CUTBUSH'S CLIPPED YEWS.

tent ventilation, and when ladies almost faint outright through the heat, show visiting under such conditions becomes something of a danger to health. Several visitors we noticed suffering painfully from the heated atmosphere and sickly odour of the flowers—a mingling of scents from tulip, rose, lily of the valley, and a hundred other things. Messrs. William Paul and Son of Waltham Cross had a sumptuous display, the group being not only beautifully arranged, but containing many rare varieties. One of the most charming of all was a Wichuriana hybrid named Alberic Barbier, a flower of dainty colouring, soft apricot, and very sweet; it is a vigorous and exceptionally free climber, making festoons of blossom over pillar, porch, pergola, or wherever placed. Other roses included several of the finest varieties raised by this firm during recent years. Messrs. Paul and Son of Cheshunt also had a great show. We think the group was the best the firm has ever exhibited, and the varieties raised by them played an important part, such as the hybrid briar Una and the exquisite Sinica anemone, a big flower of dainty shell-like colouring. Viscountess Folkestone was, to use the expression of a visitor standing near the writer when taking notes of this group, "a perfect dream." Messrs. Paul had standards of it, loaded with big, open, fragrant flowers.

Mr. Frank Cant, Braiswick Nursery, Colchester, the land of roses, had, amongst other roses, a superb boxful of that sport from Anna Olivier which he has named Lady Roberts. When we say that the flower has all the rich beauty of its parent and W. A. Richardson combined, we think that is sufficient indication of its glorious colouring. This should be one of the great roses of the future for garden and exhibition. Colchester was also represented by a glorious exhibit from those veteran rose-growers, Messrs. B. R. Cant and Sons, The Old Rose Gardens; it was a beautiful representation. That famous rosarian, Mr. Charles Turner of Slough, had amongst other roses a gorgeous bank of Turner's Crimson Rambler, which he was instrumental in bringing before the public; hence the name.

Messrs. J. Veitch and Sons of Chelsea had big groups in many places, and we know not which to praise most highly, the waving masses of bamboos, the brilliant phyllocacti, the caladiums, or the trees and shrubs in flower in the big tent, where we noticed delightful little standard wistarias, or other things.

Of course the hardy flowers made a brave show. Much interest was aroused by the Californian lilies (calochorti), lilies, irises, and rare bulbous flowers from Messrs. Wallace and Co. of Colchester. The oncocyclus, or cushion irises, were very beautiful, but we must reserve descriptions of individual species for separate notes in their proper place. Lilium Henryi was magnificent for so early in the season; the plants were 10ft. high, and each stem had from twenty to thirty flowers. Then we passed to the beautiful group from Mr. Amos Perry of Winchmore Hill, who had that good rock garden plant the double Welsh poppy (Meconopsis cambrica plena), the double alyssum (A. saxatile plenum), the beautiful Aquilegia Stuarti, and other rare alpines. Mr. Maurice Prichard, Riverslea Nursery, Christchurch, Hants, also had a beautiful arrangement.

Woking was represented by an imposing display of lilies, hardy flowers generally, tree pæonies, and other flowers from Messrs. Jackman and Son, and the famous Langport pæonies were well represented. Messrs. Kelway and Son had, amongst other kinds, the variety Queen Alexandra. We thought this one of the most beautiful flowers in the show; it is a single variety, of enormous size, and white, with golden stamens in the centre. The big crispy petals were magnificent. A tree pæony named King Edward VII. was of deep red colouring. Of course clematises were shown, and a fine group too.

Orchids filled a large portion of the big marquee. Messrs. Sanders and Co. of St. Albans had one of those displays which make the Temple shows memorable; and Messrs. Charlesworth and Co., Heaton, Bradford, Yorks, sent a most interesting collection, containing many rare and beautiful species and varieties, whilst such great orchid growers as Mr. James Cypher of Cheltenham, and Messrs. H. Low and Co., Bush Hill Park, Enfield, were also represented.

Petunias, calceolarias, and mimuluses from Messrs. J. Carter of High Holborn represented these flowers in perfection. They were gorgeous in colouring, and we were pleased to see the mimuluses or monkey-flowers in such variety; it is a flower little known, though why it is hard to say, as it is easily grown in very moist, not too sunny places. Then we must praise the tuberous begonias from Messrs. Cannell and Sons, Swanley, and from Messrs. J. Laing and Sons, Forest Hill, not forgetting the begonias, tulips, and other flowers from Mr. H. J. Jones, Ryecroft Nursery, Hither Green, Lewisham.

It was a positive relief to seek the fruits and even the lovely vegetables after the bewildering masses of exotic and hardy

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flowers. As bright as many a flower display was the collection of apples from the nurseries of Messrs. Bunyard at Maidstone. The fruits were as tempting as in their proper ripening seasons, and had lost little of their natural flavour owing to the care taken in storing them during the winter. Cox's Orange Pippin, best of all dessert fruit, was there in excellent condition.

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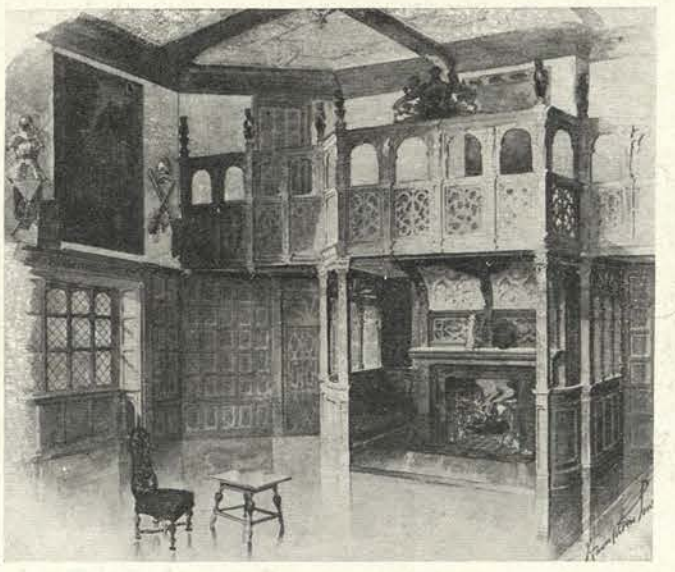

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trees, was that of Messrs. Rivers and Sons, Sawbridgeworth. But it is unnecessary to write more about this now. A description of this fascinating nursery was given recently in COUNTRY LIFE. Herefordshire is renowned for the colouring of its fruit, and the magnificent display of over 100 baskets and dishes made by Mr. John Watkins of Pomona Farm Nurseries, Withington, will long be remembered.

We have only mentioned a few of the chief exhibits, but these will suffice to show the extent and interesting nature of these annual displays in the restful gardens of the Inner Temple. Soon garden-lovers will be called to another great event in the gardens of Holland House, Kensington, through the kindness of the Earl of Ilchester. On the two days preceding the Coronation these gardens will be the home of a great exhibition of roses and other flowers under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural and National Rose Societies. Under the shadow of a beautiful English home we anticipate a remarkable exhibition, and the Rose Conference should attract many visitors of a botanical and scientific turn to hear the questions of species, varieties, classifications, etc., seriously discussed.

Horticulture is a power in this land of ours. We are beginning to realise that it is of vast commercial importance, and this is the outcome not only of a better taste in gardening generally, but a keener desire to compete with importations of fruits, flowers, and vegetables from other countries. Fifteen shows have taken place consecutively in the Temple Gardens, and on each occasion the tents have been thronged with visitors. The Royal Horticultural Society deserves support. It has pledged itself to build a "Hall of Horticulture" near Vincent Square, Westminster, and all we can say is, if the thousands of Fellows will come forward with their subscriptions, the council will soon have the necessary funds to provide a building worthy of this great industry. Other countries have magnificent halls; why not England?

MOTORING IN THE NEW FOREST.

FROM all accounts the majority of motorists in the Southern Counties chose Bexhill as their rendezvous for the Whitsuntide holidays; but stories of crowded hotels, and excursions from all the neighbouring watering-places, decided me to turn my wheels in another direction. The New For[illegible] but hitherto its [illegible] by its absence at Whitsuntide this year. I will say little of my own experiences, except that after covering twenty miles the rain began, and continued to descend with remorseless severity until we reached our hotel. With roads inches deep in mud, which seemed to penetrate every portion of the car, except presumably the cylinders and the gear-box, and rain which the wind drove through the thickest of mackintoshes, our plight was not a pleasant one. In the midst of our misery, however, I could not help feeling filled with admiration at the manner in which our Mors car ran on mile after mile and hour after hour without a stop or sign of distress, until we had completed the eighty miles which separated our destination from our starting point.

From London to the New Forest the route usually followed is through Hounslow and Egham to Bagshot, whence Winchester may be reached either by way of Hook and Basingstoke, or by following the road to Farnham, Alton, and Alresford. From Winchester the Romsey Road, at the top of the town, should be taken in preference to the route *viâ* Shirley and Totton, a run of some twenty miles through Romsey, Ower, and Cadnam landing one at Lyndhurst, in the heart of the New Forest. The distance from London by either route is a little over eighty miles, but the journey may be lengthened and some very fine scenery enjoyed by following the Ripley Road from London to Guildford, and proceeding to Farnham over the Hog's Back. Above all let the motorist, unless on business bent, avoid Southampton with its network of electric trams, only varied by stretches of macadam that make the driver tremble for the springs of his car.

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For the motorist who wishes to spend a few days in taking short and easy drives over excellent roads and through scenery as beautiful and as varied as any in this country, the New Forest is an ideal spot. The distances certainly are not great, and doubt less it would be possible to visit most of the well-known places in a couple of days, the total area of the Forest being only about a hundred square miles. On the other hand, a week at least can be spent by the less energetically inclined without really exhausting the possibilities of the neighbourhood. Lyndhurst, the capital of the Forest, is the best place to make one's headquarters, providing as it does excellent accommodation for both man and car. The familiar notice, indicating

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that petrol may be had within, seems displayed by half the shops in the village, while an excellent little *garage* and repairing shop recently opened, and called the Imperial Motor Works, is available night and day for the benefit of the car that requires shelter or assistance. For a very moderate sum the manager will send a mechanic every morning to one's hotel to clean, lubricate, and fill up tanks, a convenience which motorists who, as in my own case, dispense with the expensive luxury of a paid driver will doubtless appreciate. A smart modern car can also be hired at a price which, calculated by the mileage covered, does not compare unfavourably with the ordinary hotel vehicle.

The roads of the Forest as a rule are excellent, and never even in the wettest weather does their surface become greasy. They are at their best a few hours after a sharp fall of rain, and show an extraordinary capacity for drying up even after the heaviest downpour. After a drought the dust is said to be terrible, though the bad weather that persisted throughout Whitsun week prevented my having any personal experience of it. One of the prettiest short circular drives from Lyndhurst is to take the road that branches off from the main street of the village just below the Crown Hotel. An almost straight run of about five miles through charming woods brings one to the pretty little village of Cadnam, just on the borders of the Forest. Turning sharp to the left, the road begins to ascend for a mile or two, and after a very steep climb for the last hundred yards or so the real forest is left behind for a time, and a long expanse of moor commanding magnificent views is reached. The last hundred yards in our case, however, took a considerable time to accomplish. With four people up, and a very steep gradient to be surmounted, the first speed was naturally in use; the top was almost reached, when, suddenly, without a moment's warning, the engine stopped! In an instant the sprag was down, and the car securely at rest. Dismounting, I discovered that a pin had dropped out, thus disconnecting the engines from the shaft that drives the pump and magnets. Repair on the road was hopeless, unless the pin could be found, but a careful search resulted in the discovery of the missing part only a yard or two in the rear. A few minutes sufficed to replace it in position, where it remained until our return to Lyndhurst, when I thought it safer to have a new one made. The hill surmounted and the moor reached, the road runs past Castle Malwood and the famous Rufus' Stone, through Stony Cross to Mogslade Hill, where a sharp turn to the left at the sign-post takes us once more in the direction of Lyndhurst. The last five or six miles should certainly be taken at the slowest possible pace, for one passes through woodland scenery that even for the New Forest is surpassingly beautiful. The road winds in and out and up and down hill through the trees, every few yards providing a picture of delightful loveliness that it would be difficult to equal in any part of England.

Another run that I can heartily recommend is over Matley Heath and past Denny Enclosure to Beaulieu and back by Lyndhurst Road Station. These drives are but typical of the many that the motorist can plan out with the assistance of a good map, though it is important that the latter should be one that clearly distinguishes between the carriage roads and the forest paths and tracks. Lyndhurst is the centre from which some six or seven roads radiate, and, follow which one will, a good surface and pretty country are always one's reward. In the matter of speed, the motorist can please himself. If he has an eye for the beautiful, he will probably prefer to dawdle along, with frequent stops to admire and photograph some especially fascinating view, or one of the many picturesque thatched cottages which are such a charming feature of the New Forest. On the other hand, there are on the moors, and even through the woods, long stretches of unfrequented road where he can try the paces of his car without danger or inconvenience to anyone.

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A great advantage of the Forest is that, although its extent is inconsiderable, one can traverse miles of desolate moorland or woodland glade where the solitude and silence are unbroken, and where the presence and, it must be confessed, the noise of the modern motor-car seem strangely out of place. Although, to the tired Londoner, this peace is most refreshing, it is a drawback when one is miles from home, with a storm imminent, and hopelessly confused as to the road which leads to one's destination. Such was my plight the other day, when, to my joy, I perceived in the distance a solitary figure, and, having heard much of the naïve kindliness of the natives of the woodland, I approached and plied him with anxious enquiries. This "child of the forest" was so full of enthusiasm and eagerness to direct me aright, that he unfortunately attempted to jump the roadside ditch which separated us—a task quite beyond his powers, for, to my dismay, he rolled to the bottom of it and there remained, and the directions which I had awaited with such anxiety were never forthcoming! I realised sadly that, even in the New Forest, it was Bank Holiday, and drove on to make an unaided choice of one out of the five cross-roads which lay before me. F. P. ARMSTRONG.

Short. COTTAGES AT SWAN GREEN. Copyright

VERY much in the nature of a surprise, but none the less a welcome one, was the motor-car debate raised by Mr. Chaplin in the House of Commons while the Local Government Board was being discussed in Supply. Everyone knows by now how heartily Mr. Chaplin has acknowledged the total insufficiency of the provisions of the Light Locomotives Act, of which he was the parent, while his views are known to be seconded in many influential quarters. The fact that the House was in Committee of Supply gave him a long-awaited opportunity of calling attention to the present regulations governing motor-car traffic, which he now described as "entirely ineffective and unadapted to the circumstances of the day." The law, he pointed out, was

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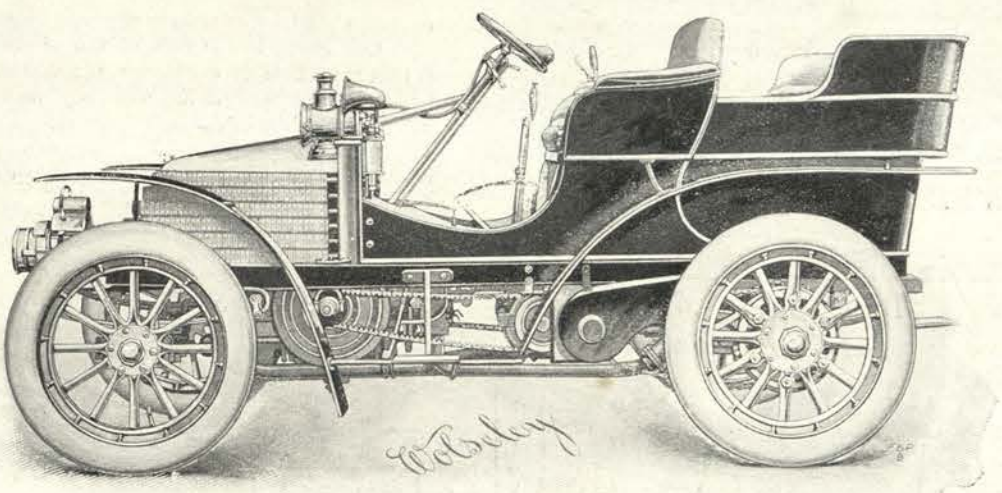

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habitually broken. He could speak from his own experience, he said, for he had been conveyed on motors a great deal during the past winter, chiefly for the purpose of going hunting, and he was bound to say on no occasion on which he had travelled on a motor-car driven by someone else had they made a journey, long or short, without breaking the law and the regulations. He asked that the present limit of speed should be abolished, and that motor-cars should be brought under the law for the prevention of furious driving, coupled with a provision for complete means of identification.

Short. *BEECH IN DENNY WOOD.* Copyright

So far as the attitude of Mr. Walter Long is concerned, it is satisfactory at least to note that the President of the Local Government Board once more admitted to the House, what he had previously acknowledged to the deputation of the County Councils Association, that the present regulations were altogether inefficient. They placed undue restrictions, he said, in the way of those who wished to use their motor-cars prudently, and they did not restrain mischievous persons from doing great harm. He acknowledged that the manufacture of automobiles was a great and growing industry, and said that if hon. members were prepared to support him, nothing would give him greater pleasure than to do his best to make proposals which would be of a satisfactory character.

Automobilists are consequently hopeful that something practical may now be done, but whether the Government will introduce a measure of their own or give facilities for the passing of a private Bill remains to be seen. Meanwhile, the existing state of things is pleasant to no one. On the other hand, an enactment which would provide for some means of identification for automobilis s would satisfy those who are so emphatic in their hostility to the new mode of progression, while the abolition of the ridiculous limit of twelve miles an hour would prevent the possibility of further persecution for the sake of mere technical infractions, while leaving ample safeguards for the prosecution and conviction of those who make themselves amenable to the law as to furious driving.

As an example of how the present system works, the state of things which followed the Bexhill trials may usefully be described. Police traps were laid at various points in Sussex on the day following the contest, and scores of automobile vis tors to Bexhill were waylaid by constables in plain clothes, lurking behind hedges, and in other ways playing the part of highwaymen. A huge crop of summonses followed, although in every case the automobilist concerned was a skilled and careful driver, and the car was proceeding along a perfectly open road and at a reasonable pace; yet, because they could not be proved to be going at actually less than twelve miles an hour, their owners or drivers were fined. It is evident that the individual police constables were merely acting under the orders of their superiors, and did not at all relish the campaign of persecution. One of their number, while lurking in plain clothes in a ditch, was spotted by a well-known solicitor who has conducted many automobile cases in court. The latter jumped off the car, whereupon the constable in plain clothes, apparently very much ashamed of his job, incontinently scuttled. He was chased for some distance by the solicitor, and made for a cow-shed, where he was discovered lying hidden in a manger. The solicitor took his number, and then telegraphed to the chief constable of the county, reporting that a constable had been discovered, under most suspicious circumstances, secreted in a cow-shed, and having a silver watch in his hand. What the chief constable thought or said when he received the message has not been disclosed.

One effect, by the way, of the withdrawing of constables from the villages is that their absence encourages the inhabitants to disorder, and it is a fact that Colonel Crompton, R.E., who is a member of the War Office Committee on Mechanical Traction, was actually stoned while passing through one village on his steam car, and when he endeavoured to report the matter to the police, there was no one in attendance owing to the village constable having been sent to what may be termed "ditch duty."

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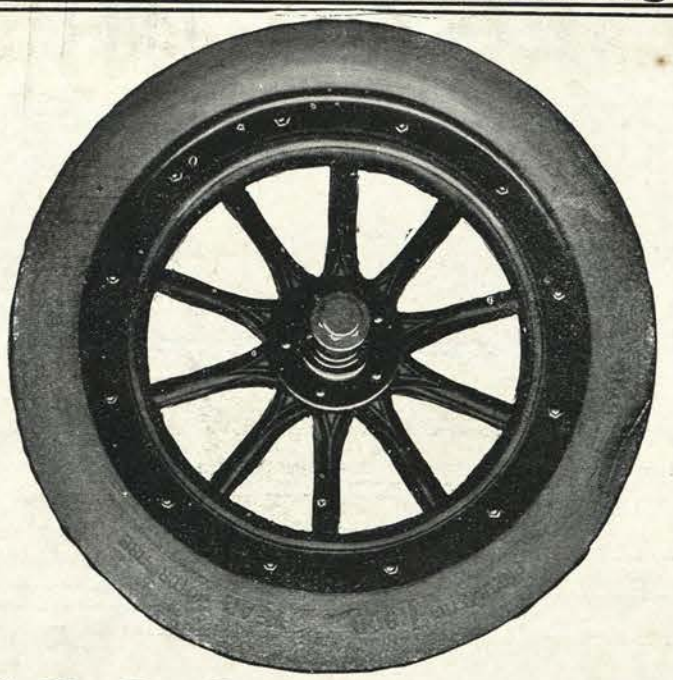

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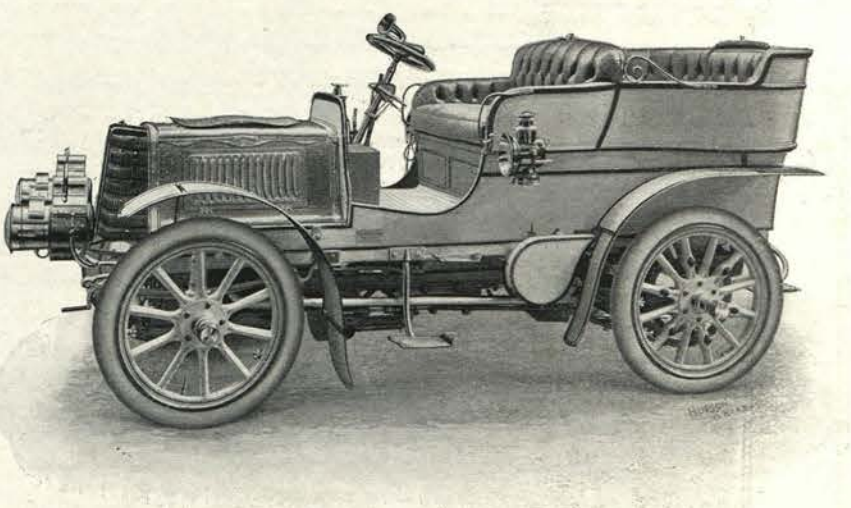

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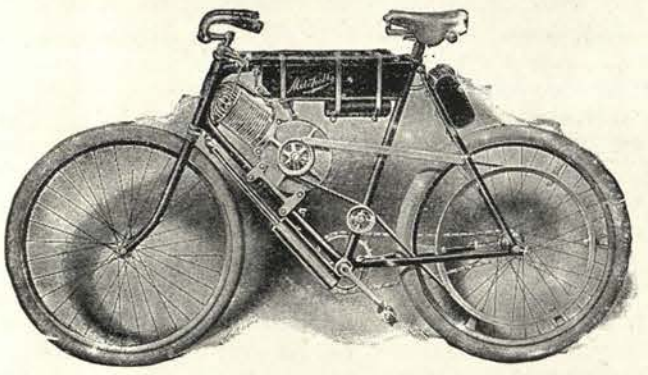

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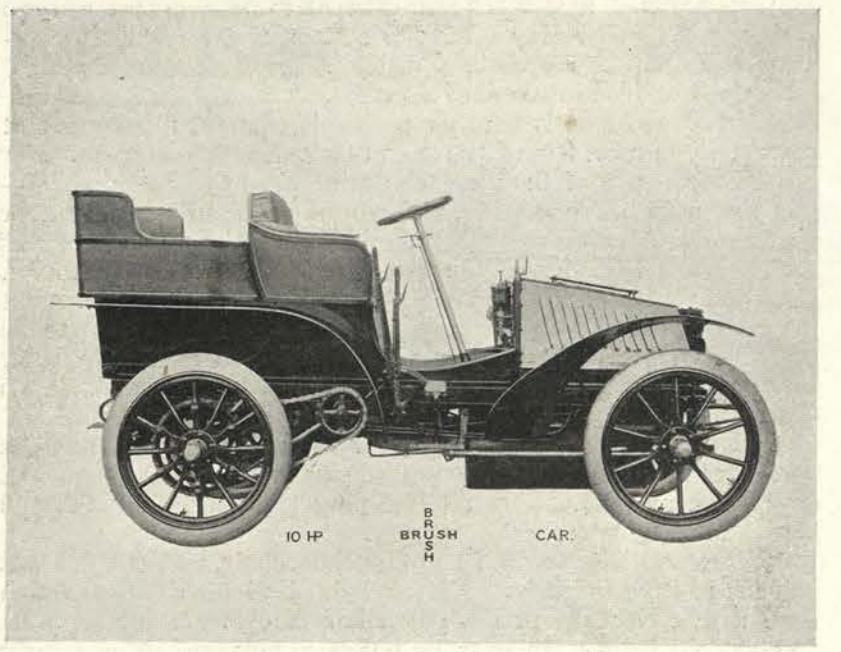

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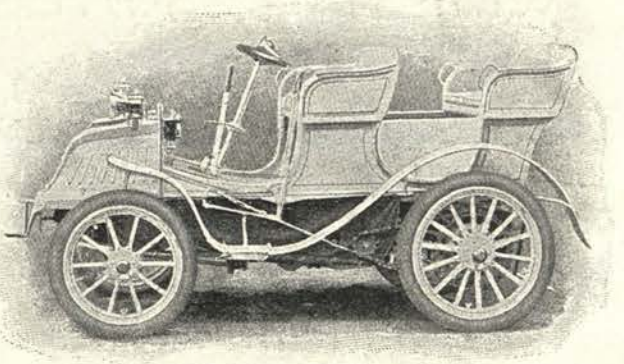

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Mrs. Lewisham is hardly a woman's woman, I suppose; at any rate, you meet few of the sex at those Sunday suppers.

Keston—one of the men who are looked for on Sundays—was sitting in his rooms in the Temple one desolate November afternoon and sadly regarding a pile of blank paper. It was necessary that he should work, for his finances were in such a condition that comfortable laziness was no longer possible. But the greyness of the day depressed him, and there seemed to be nothing in the world worth writing about. He was altogether unhappy, and went very gladly to answer a lively knock at his door.

"I hoped you were in," said Mrs. Lewisham. "Jim has business in the Strand, and when we parted I was to have waited for him at an A.B.C. But I like your tea, and so he is to call here. May I come in?"

She was given the most appropriate chair, and the fire was induced to burn brightly. Keston lighted all his candles, which were many, since he had a particular fancy for Sheffield plate and for old brass. If ever he made a mistake, as one must occasionally, there was bound to be, sooner or later, the necessity of making a wedding-present, and the things came in well.

He made the tea, and they talked at large. Then—Heaven only knows why—Mrs. Lewisham said: "You are altogether too comfortable here."

"I didn't notice it until you came," said Keston. "Why?"

"You are too comfortable, and therefore too satisfied with things as they are. You ought not to get so much for giving so little. Somewhere or other there may be a girl who, without knowing it, wants to be your wife."

Keston answered a little roughly. "Somewhere or other there may be a girl that I would give my head to marry."

Mrs. Lewisham bent forward eagerly. "You don't mean——?"

"No," said Keston; "I mean nothing of that kind. Shall I explain?"

"Do, please."

"We will start with an account of my average day. I get up—well, at all sorts of times. I have breakfast, and while I am reading my papers I am also much concerned as to what I shall write for the *Sphinx*. You know they like my topical verses, and they pay well. Sometimes the verses come easily, and sometimes they make me ashamed of myself. Anyhow they've got to be done. And then I go out to lunch."

"At the club?" said Mrs. Lewisham.

"Certainly; at the club. Very pleasant it is. They are all good fellows, and there is generally some fresh topic to be discussed or some new story to be laughed at. One fills up the time well enough until three. Then one comes back, and—— You saw I had been trying to work when you came."

"And dinner?"

"At the club again, or at a restaurant. Can you understand that I, who am supposed to be finicking about my food, would give anything sometimes to be set down to cold beef and pickles and told that there was nothing else to be had?"

"Marriage would alter all that," said Mrs. Lewisham.

"I don't think so. I should grow angry if you were to say that I am single because I am selfish—because I will not share all these magnificent comforts with another. I fancy the men who are married don't find they've less comfort than they had when they were single. I could make that girl, who is somewhere or other, very happy, I think, and feel as I do now when I buy a bit of old furniture cheap, and it suggests an article for which I get paid three or four times what the thing cost. For let me go on with the day."

"A very dismal day," said Mrs. Lewisham.

"I dine, and I go down to the office, and am told to write. Nine times out of ten there is no reason for writing, except that columns have to be filled. And I get off abominably early, and then it is the club again, or a music-hall, or another man's rooms, or a long read here before I get to bed. You see, that girl who is somewhere or other simply does not stand a chance."

"I begin to see," said Mrs. Lewisham, softly.

"Perhaps," said Keston——"There's Jim's knock. You won't give me away?"

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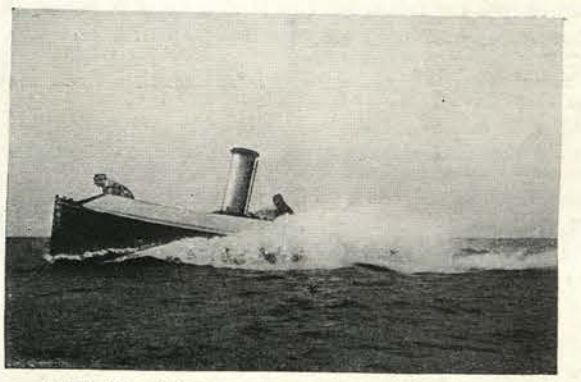
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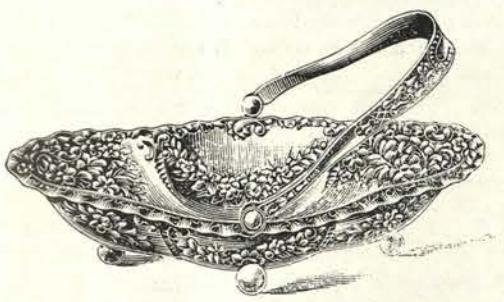

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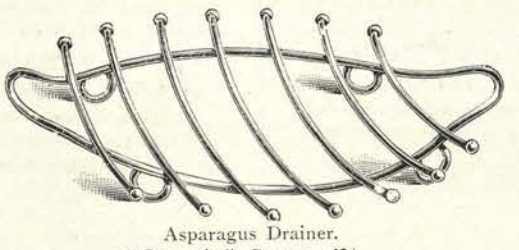

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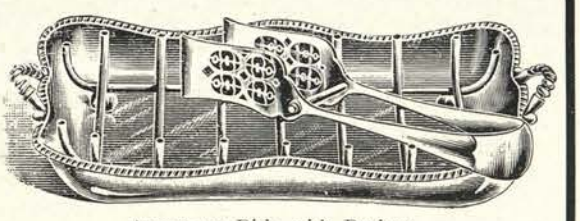

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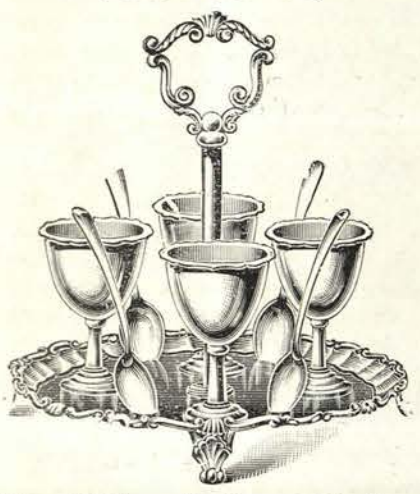

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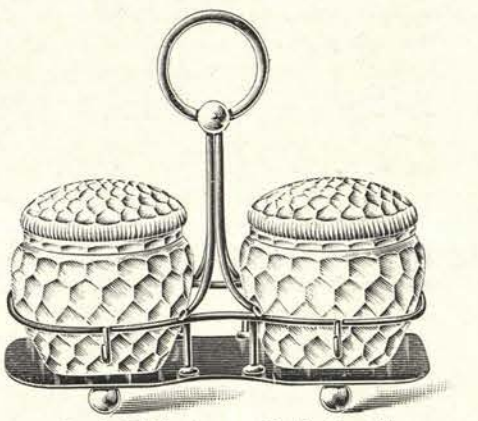

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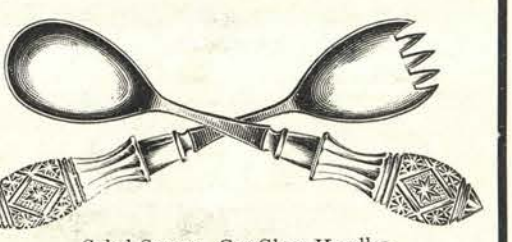

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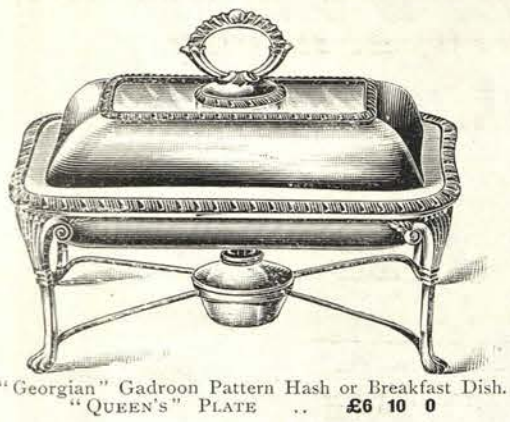

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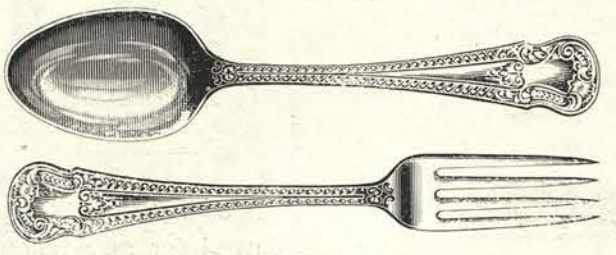

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THE lesson of the Royal Military Tournament, from the horse-lover's point of view, although by no means so encouraging as it might have been, was, nevertheless, more satisfactory than was expected. The Blues, at all events, were well mounted in their Musical Ride, and amongst their horses were several nice-mannered, good-looking young animals; but the best cattle of the whole lot were the lays of the Army Service Corps, not one of which was a second-rater, whilst several looked well up to high-class harness form, and stepped well when provided with an opportunity for doing so. The Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery were both well horsed with serviceable animals, though a few of them were perhaps a little fine for the work; whilst eight out of the nine which took part in the Barebacked Riding display were Irish-bred six year olds, with plenty of breeding and activity about them. It was unfortunate, therefore, that the poverty of the land was rendered somewhat apparent in the Grand Historical Cavalry Display, a most beautifully conceived series of movements arranged by Captain and Riding-Master Waite, 10th Hussars, but owing to the fact that the eighty-five horses which took part therein had been collected from different sources, it followed that amongst them were some decidedly antiquated beasts, which probably would have been cast long ago had it been possible to supply their places. Still, all these animals looked big and well, a circumstance reflecting immense credit upon those under whose control they are.

The age to which horses will live is a frequent topic of conversation amongst the admirers of the equine race, and therefore some interest may attach to the announcement that a bay gelding has been unearthed in Louisville, U.S.A., which took part in a campaign and was wounded so far back as the year 1853, which must bring his age up to very nearly fifty years. There appears to be no cause for doubting the genuineness of this candidate's claim to the possession of the record for equine longevity, as he saw a good deal of service in the War of Independence, and was known to have been an old animal at the time. At present he is absolutely toothless, but enjoys his ration of boiled grain and mash with a gusto that suggests the probability of living for some time longer as a pensioner upon the bounty of his old master's family.

One is always disposed to welcome the reappearance of old terms, whether applied to living creatures, places, or things, and therefore the adoption in America of the ancient expression "hobby" in connection with the Irish cob will excite a responsive thrill in many a British and Hibernian heart. It is satisfactory, too, to know that the cobs and ponies which went forth to a New York sale-yard under the designation of hobbies, appear to have created a very favourable impression upon those present, for they all changed hands at most profitable prices—a circumstance which will doubtless increase the interest which is at present attached to the breeding of this class of animal in this country.

Just at this time of the year all matters appertaining to the dog show world are in a rather parlous state, for the coursing season, the field trials, and the early shows are over, and it is too early to think of the moors and stubble, or the later exhibitions. It is quite possible, however, that in addition to the Ladies' Show at the Botanic Gardens next month, the Coronation period will include a fine show at Richmond, for the customary gathering there—a very good one, by the way—is to receive an ally this time, in the shape of a Hound Show, which is to take place simultaneously with it, and upon the same ground, though under different control. Still, it is impossible to hope that the leading packs of foxhounds and harriers will be represented at any public function of the kind before the Peterborough gathering, which takes place in July.

A good many people who are interested in dogs will sympathise with those members of the Torquay and Devon Canine Association who desire the exclusion of the professional exhibitor from competition at their shows. Many owners of big kennels undoubtedly indulge a little too freely in pot-hunting, and though their entries may effect a temporary increase in the finances of a country show, they work it much injury in the end, as the successes of their dogs discourage the *bona-fide* amateur from trying his luck again, and so the local exhibition, which might have been the means of developing the sporting interests of the district, resolves itself into a competition amongst strangers, and produces little effect upon the dog-flesh of the locality.

A case of arsenical poisoning, which resulted in the untimely death of a whole litter of valuable Irish terrier puppies, and the narrow escape of their parents, is reported from a well-known kennel in the North of London, and points a moral which all dog-owners should lay to heart. The trouble all came about through the owner of the puppies being unwise enough to make experiments with some samples of new tonic and condition foods which he had received from some unknown manufacturers thereof, the method he adopted being to mix the samples up with the meal used in the kennel. The consequences are already known, and it is to be hoped that the loss which has fallen upon him will serve as a warning to all dog-lovers not to trust the lives of their dogs to the tender mercies of unknown manufacturers of medicines, but to patronise only those firms which possess a reputation in the kennel world.

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nests, had arrived in their full strength Then the wind changed to south-west and the weather to summer warmth, and suddenly the house-martins arrived, as numerous as ever, apparently; and with them came our latest summer birds—the butcher-bird, the nightjar, and the flycatchers—while the few remaining fieldfares, last of our winter birds, disappeared. When these things have happened, it is no longer spring, but summer.

Swallow and Martin.

Although in ordinary years a very short interval separates the arrivals of the swallow and the house-martin, the mortality among the swallows and the immunity of the house-martins this year show how potent the smallest difference of migratory instinct may be for the welfare of species. But it is not to be supposed that good luck and good judgment are always on the side of the martins. There are seasons when, in some latitudes, the earlier swallow gains the great advantage of getting his second brood safely on the wing before the cold winds of an unkind autumn compel all who can to flee. Both last year and the year before several families of our house-martins were delayed until it was very dangerously cold, and there may be years when a few days make all the difference between safety and disaster. This year, for instance, the swallows, in spite of their hardships, began building long before the martins arrived, and so gained a valuable start. If the martins rear a second brood, as usual, they may, beginning so late, be badly caught by an early winter, while, if they do not rear a second brood, the swallows will recover by multiplication in late summer what they lost by decimation in the early spring. Thus we see how nicely balanced are the odds in the struggle for existence, and how much may depend upon the slightest variations of the migrating instinct.

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Problems of Migration.

Not all of the swallows shared the hardships which may possibly prove to have been a blessing in disguise, for numbers more came with the same winds which brought the martins last week. Perhaps they were birds which discovered the mistake they had made in pushing on through adverse circumstances of wind and weather, and wisely took advantage of the north-east wind to return to milder regions for a while. We have no evidence that migrating birds thus retrace part of their journey under pressure of adversity, but there is no reason why Nature should not, and many reasons why she should, thus fortify her favourites against mischance, since the motives which prompt and the winds which facilitate southward migration in chilly autumn would be almost equally present in an inclement spring. Now, however, the migration of birds may be said to have ceased for some months, since every kind of British bird is now in the place which it will occupy until August, at any rate, when the old cuckoos, having no nursery cares to detain them, will head the annual procession to the South..

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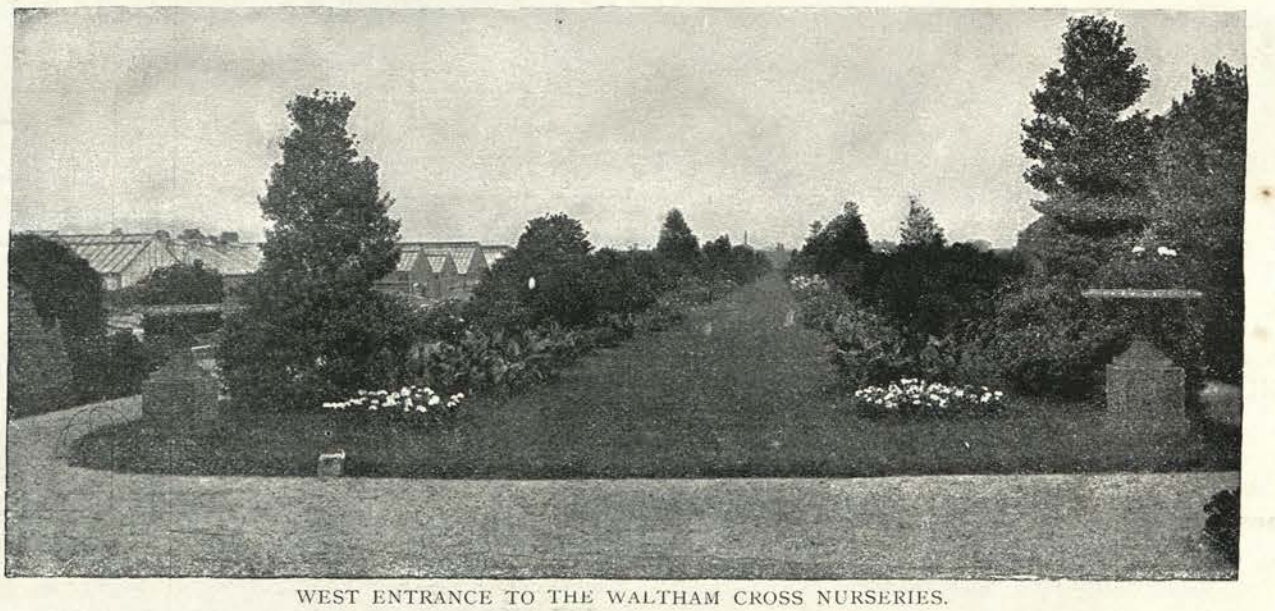

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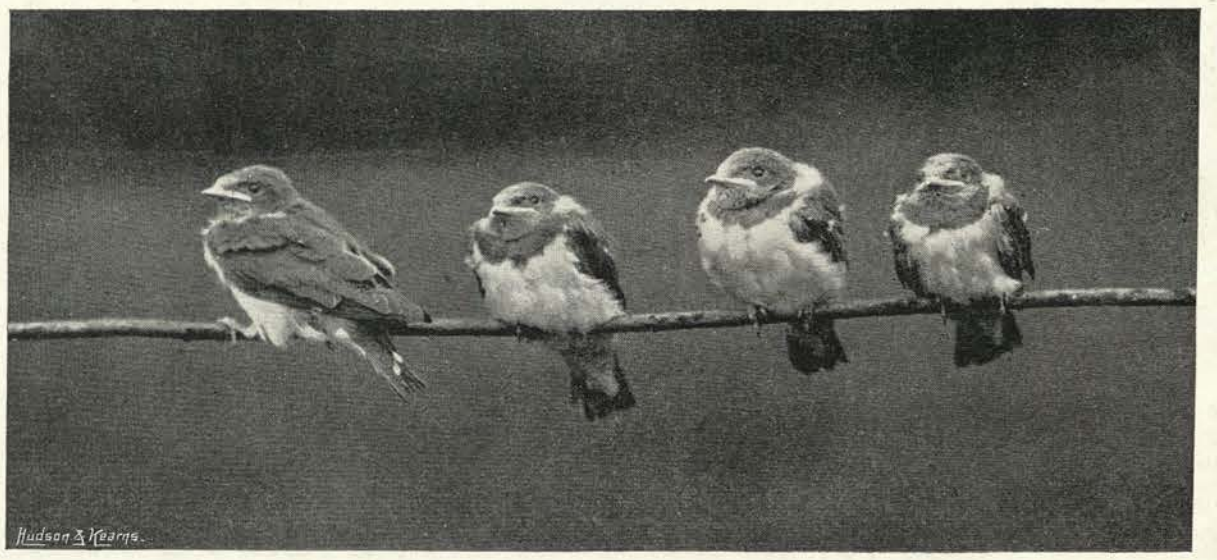
Its Tricks of Evasion.

But the habits of cuckoos, especially the comparatively silent females, are observed with such difficulty that one can seldom be sure of one's conclusions. Few birds are so wary and secretive, and it must have been everyone's experience to endeavour to approach a cuckoo which was calling near at hand, and suddenly to hear its voice removed two fields away. For in crossing a field the cuckoo always flies below the level of the hedge-tops, almost skimming the ground; so that unless the hedges are trimmed low you lose sight of the bird every time that it shifts its position, only discovering in which direction it has gone by hearing its voice from a new and usually unexpected quarter. Another reason why we see so little of the cuckoo is that, when not calling, it spends most of its time upon the ground, where it sits low like a nightjar, though with head held more erect. It flits away about a dozen yards at a time, seldom rising more than a couple of feet from the ground, and, being silent at such times, and, as always, very evasive, one need not wonder that so very little is really known about the bird.

Amazing Digestion.

At first sight it seems strange that so large a bird as the cuckoo, feeding upon insects, should be able to return to us in April every year, and somehow maintain itself, without the wing-power of the swifts, the thrush's detective instinct for worms, the warblers' trick of microscopically searching trees and hedges, the butcher-bird's audacious disregard of publicity, or the flycatcher's dexterity. The explanation appears to be that the cuckoo is able to feed upon caterpillars which are "protected" against other birds. "Woolly Bear" caterpillars, for instance—a name which is bestowed upon the hairy larvæ both of the Tiger and Ermine moths—are safe from birds in general; but the cuckoos have been dissected with their alimentary canals positively felted with the hairs of "Woolly Bears." The amateur fruit-grower, again, is often disappointed because, although he "encourages the birds," the leaves of his gooseberry bushes are reduced to a sort of skeleton embroidery by regiments of noisome, speckled saw-fly grubs, which cock up all their tails in unison, if he so much as looks at them. I have read of—but have not observed—a company of cuckoos beneficently descending upon such a garden and practically clearing it of grubs in a single morning. In the days when we found joy and excitement in keeping young sparrows, however, what was more usual than the efforts to feed them upon "grubs" of this sort, cheaply gathered from the gooseberry bushes? And what more certain than the early decease of the young sparrows, from what doctors would describe as "gastric irritation"? What queer gift has the cuckoo, if these stories of its prowess are true, which enables it to digest comfortably what is deadly to other birds? Medical science might not be ill employed in investigating the properties of the cuckoo's internal organs.



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bird elects to take up his residence there. On the very evening that a pair returned to an ideal site near here, with a telegraph wire on one side of the road and a ten-foot hedge on the other, the male bird proceeded to drive out a pair of goldfinches which already had a nestful of eggs in the hedge. The goldfinches resisted eviction as well as they could, but their efforts did not amount to much more than fluttering and twittering round the bandit. If they had come to actual blows with him they would have been killed and probably partly eaten; so, after he had chased them in and out of every bush in some thirty yards of hedge, they gave up the unequal contest and flew across the fields to find a new home where there were no butcher-birds. Presently, perhaps the same thorn bush which still holds the goldfinches' nest will be hung with the dead bodies of other little birds, after the manner which has earned the butcher-bird his name. E. K. R.

THE BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SHOW.

AGRICULTURAL visitors to Plymouth last week had everything in their favour. The weather was delightful, and the exhibition one of the best ever held by this society. As a function, too, it was highly successful, the Mayors of Plymouth and Devonport attending in state and being received by the Earl of Morley, the president of the society. The entries fell little short of 2,000, and the implements alone occupied a space of 23,000 square feet. Most of the great breeders of pedigree stock were well represented. In Shires, the leading winners were Lord Rothschild, whose two year old and one year old colts were deservedly admired, Lord Llangattock, whose best exhibit was a massive two year old filly, Sir W. H. Wills, Lord Egerton of Tatton, and Mr. R. W. Hudson. Wern Blossom, a three year old filly belonging to the last-mentioned, won the Shire Horse Society's medal, and Duncan III., a twelve year old stallion belonging to Mr. Jeffery, proved to be the best of the adults. In hunters, the chief prizes were carried off by Messrs. T. C. and L. H. Downes, Mr. J. H. Stokes, Mrs. Calmady, Messrs. W. Madge and Sons, and Major-General J. Jago-Trelawny. The best of the Hackneys were produced by W. J. Tatem, Mrs. R. T. Thornton, Mr. W. Oppenheimer, Mr. R. T. Thornton, and Mr. T. Tozer. In the cattle department the most conspicuous feature was the success of Mr. Deane Willis, whose long-established herd of shorthorns proved its merits by almost sweeping the board of prizes, though Mr. R. Stratton beat him in two year old heifers. His bull C.I.V. received the special prize awarded to the best bull in the show. Lord Calthorpe, Mr. W. J. Hosken of Hayle, and the Earl of Cawdor were also well represented, the shorthorns being on the whole a very strong collection. The Jerseys have generally the best-filled classes at this show, and the present year proved to be no exception to the rule. Here again Lord Rothschild was a leading winner, despite the thinning out to which his herd was subjected little more than a year ago. Other successful exhibitors were the Marquess of Winchester, Mrs. C. McIntosh, Mr. A. Miller-Hallett, and the Bishop of Ipswich. Lady Tichborne won no less than four prizes for Guernseys, and other successful exhibitors were Mr. W. Maddick and Mrs. Montefiore. The Duchess of Devonshire carried off all the first prizes for Dexters, while those for Kerries were divided between Messrs. Robertson and Sons and Mr. J. Thorley. Mr. R. W. Hudson's Aberdeen-Angus showed up well, and Mr. J. J. Cridlan and Mr. J. H. Bridges shared the honours with him. From the locality where the show was held it was expected that Devons would be a prominent feature in it, but this led to something like disappointment. There was a fair show, but it was not more than an average one, the breed championship prize being carried off by Mr. J. C. Williams of Caerhay Castle, Cornwall, with his two year old Musa. He also won in all three classes of bulls. There was a better display of the still more local South Devon breed, in which the championship was awarded to Mr. W. Merry's heavy bull Cromer. The sheep classes showed plenty of local colour with Devon Longwools, South Devons, Exmoors, and Dartmoors. In pigs, the fashionable Berkshires were, as might be expected, well to the fore, though there were also large blacks, large whites, middle whites, and Tamworths, showing that pig-breeding is growing in favour.

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TO the noble army of readers of COUNTRY LIFE it will appear by no means strange that the book chosen without hesitation for special treatment in this number is *The Naturalist on the Thames*, by C. J. Cornish (Seeley), for in the band of writers who have succeeded, with the help of unmatched illustrations, in raising this journal to its proud position in the public esteem he has always occupied a foremost position. Yet this article must perforce open with a very gentle protest to the effect that the title is in the nature of a misnomer. It is not sufficiently comprehensive. Mr. Cornish, as this volume makes plain, even if the fact had not been well known before, is a good deal more than a naturalist. He is an all-round man, an observer, a polished scholar, something of an antiquarian, a keen sportsman, and a remarkably graceful and lively writer. Some of these papers have appeared in print before, in these columns, in those of the *Spectator*, and elsewhere. That is to say, they have satisfied the critical judgment of at least two editors who strain every nerve, in the interests of their readers, to be fastidious in their choice of articles. Others are quite new, but it is probably correct to say that these last do not form the greater part of the volume, and that the majority of the pages are old favourites.

Now, as a general rule, collections of newspaper articles in book form are a mistake. That is because the original articles were essentially independent of one another, not connected by any leading train of thought, concerned with matters of more or less ephemeral interest. But the articles by Mr. Cornish, which fringe, so to speak, the banks of the river which he loves so well, are not of this character; and that is the simple reason why, now they have been collected, they form the most complete and agreeable volume that he has yet produced. Mr. Cornish is here more completely at home with his subject than in any of his other works. His life has always been closely associated with the greatest of our English rivers, and in the pretty opening essay, entitled "The Thames at Sinodun Hill," he tells us all about this lifelong friendship between a man with eyes to see and the noble stream. He knew it first, in its infancy, where it is the Isis, and when he was at Oxford. From Oxford, when earnest life began, he migrated to Chiswick, and there, living opposite the famous Eyot, familiar to all oarsmen as a landmark, and still haunted by swans at nesting-time, he has watched the river and its life every day. Again for years he rented the shooting of Sinodun Hill, the surrounding flats, and the noble wood of Wittenham, spending in the neighbourhood not only many shooting days, but also long summer holidays. So the spirit of the Thames has entered into his soul, and all the articles that he has ever written upon the subject have been animated by a common purpose. The result is that *The Naturalist on the Thames* has more of abiding charm and of permanent value than any of the five volumes by the same author which have appeared before, albeit all of them are deservedly popular. In fact, if Mr. Cornish is not careful, Wittenham Wood will become almost a classic spot and we shall have Mr. Andrew Lang, or some other clever person, setting mock examination papers on Mr. Cornish and his country.

Our author—one may use the old phrase in almost an affectionate sense—has a mind to note great things no less than small. He takes us by the hand and leads us up the smooth sides of Sinodun, past the double rampart of a Roman camp to the fortress of some forgotten race; he shows us Dorchester, nestling below, the oldest abbey in Wessex; he makes us know the weir pool below the wood, and the scornful shepherd who mocked its translucent waters in a parched autumn; he loves the storms, and describes them passing well; the birds that thrive on the banks and on the water; the finny tribe which swims in the water, the very crayfish (which suffered not long since from a severe epidemic) and the little shell-fish of the mud or the gravel, are his familiar friends. Sometimes he turns aside to dig up the history of an adjoining village, Ewelme, for example; or to catch a "chavender" or chub, in the pool behind Long Wittenham; or to immortalise the landlord of the Plough; or to teach a new plan of catching a toothsome crayfish. In a word, he chatters away, pleasantly and yet instructively, suggesting thoughts and trains of thought, never growing weary and never tedious.

But really, to those who do not know Mr. Cornish and his work, nothing can serve so well as extracts to give an idea of the quality of the literature here provided and plentifully illustrated. To that end I have selected a few passages dealing with various

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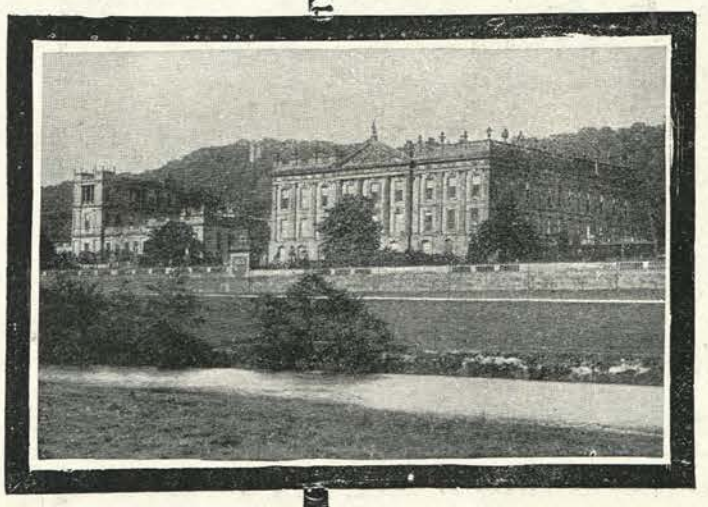

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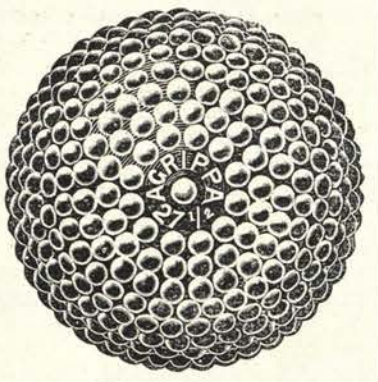

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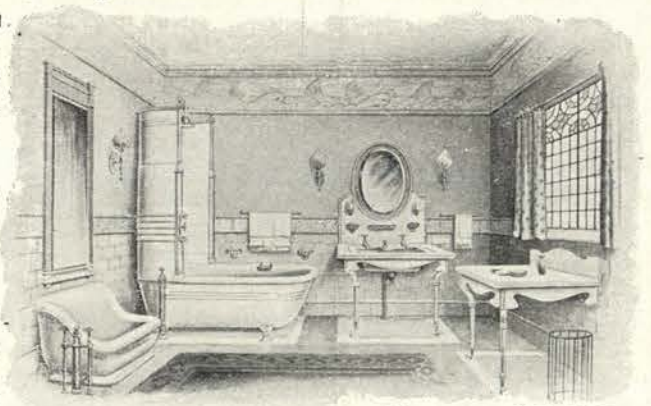

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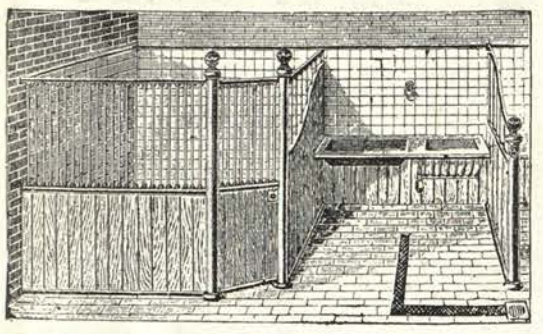

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topics, each of which seems to me to be, of its kind, simply excellent. Here, for example, is a delicate and intimate picture:

"In the late autumn of 1893, one of the driest years ever known, I went to the weir pool above the wood, and found the shepherd fishing. The river was lower than had ever been known or seen, and on the hills round the 'dowsers' had been called in with their divining-rods to find the vanished waters.

"'Thee've got no water in 'ee, and if 'ee don't fill 'ee avore New Year, 'ee'll be no more good for a stree-um!' Thus briefly, to Father Thames, the shepherd of Sinodun Hill. He had pitched his float into the pool below the weir—the pool which lies in the broad, flat fields, with scarce a house in sight but the lockman's cottage—and for the first time on a Saturday's fishing he saw his bait go clear to the bottom instead of being lost to view instantly in the boiling water of the weir pool. He could even see the broken piles and masses of concrete which the river in its days of strength had torn up and scattered on the bottom, and among them the shoals of fat river fish eyeing his worm as critically as his master would a sample of most inferior oats. Yet the pool was beautiful to look upon. Where the water had sunk the rushes had grown taller than ever, and covered the little sandbanks left by the ebbing river with a forest of green and of red gold, where the frost had laid its finger on them. In the back eddies and shallows the dying lily leaves covered the surface with scales of red and copper, and all along the banks teazles and frogbits, and brown and green reeds, and sedges of bronze and russet, made a screen, through which the black and white moorhens popped in and out, while the water-rats, now almost losing the aquatic habit, and becoming pedestrian, sat peeling rushes with their teeth, and eyeing the shepherd on the weir. Even the birds seemed to have voted that the river was never going to fill again, for a colony of sandpipers, instead of continuing their migration to the coast, had taken up their quarters on the little spits of mud and shingle now fringing the weir pool, and were flitting from point to point, and making believe it was a bit of Pagham Harbour or Porchester Creek. On every sunny morning monster spiders ran out from the holes and angles of the weir-frame, and spun webs across and across the straddling iron legs below the footbridge, right down to the lowered surface of the water, which had so sunk that each spider had at least four feet more of web than he could have reckoned upon before and waxed fat on the produce of the added superficies of enmeshed and immolated flies. So things went on almost till New Year's Eve."

Then, in the lines which follow, is an object-lesson in the value of exact observation:

"As the Thames is itself the product and union of all its vassal streams, an 'incarnation' of all the rest, so in its bed it holds all the shells collected from all its tributaries. Different tribes of shells live in different waters. Some love the 'full-fed river winding slow,' some the swift and crystal chalk stream. Some only flourish just over the spots where the springs come bubbling up from the inner cisterns of earth, and breathe, as it were, the freshness of these untainted waters; others love the rich, fat mud, others the sides of wearings and piles, others the river-jungles where the course is choked with weeds. But come what may, or flourish where they please, the empty shells are in time rolled down from trout stream and chalk stream, fountain and rill, mill pool and ditch, cress-bed and water-cut, from the springs of the Cotswolds, the Chilterns, the downs, from the valleys of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Gloucester, Oxford, and Essex, into the Thames. Once there the river makes shell collections on its own account, sorting them out from everything else except a bed of fine sand and gravel, in which they lie like birds' eggs in bran in a boy's cabinet, ready for who will to pick them up or sift them out of it. These shell collections are made in the time of winter floods, though how they are made or why the shells should all remain together, while sticks, stones, and other rubbish are carried away, it is impossible to say. They are laid on smooth points of land round which the waters flow in shallow ripples. Across the river it is always deep, swift, and dark, though the sandbanks come in places near the surface, and in the shallows grow water-crowfoot, with waving green hair under water, and white stems above it. The clean and shining sand shelves down to the water's edge, and continues below the surface. Here are living shells, or shells with living fish in them. In the bright water lie hundreds of the shells of the fresh-water mussels, the bearers of pearls sometimes, and always lined with that of which pearls are made, the lustrous nacre. The mealy masses of dry sand beyond the river's lip are stuffed with these mussel shells. They lie all ways up, endways, sideways, on their faces, on their backs. The pearl lining shines through the sand, and the mussels gleam like silver spoons under the water. They crack and crunch beneath your feet as you step across to search the mass for the smaller and rarer shells. Many of those in the water contain living mussels, yellow-looking fat molluscs, greatly beloved of otters, who eat them as sauce with the chub or bream they catch, and leave the broken shells of the one by the half-picked bones of the other."

Surely no boy or man reading this passage can fail to reflect upon the vast amount of entertainment to be got from the intelligent study of commonplace objects. Then in another chapter Mr. Cornish gives a vivid picture of the wood at Wittenham, to the accuracy of which I can testify as an eye-witness:

"Our own day was also a satisfactory one. Rabbits were unusually numerous, and many squares had to be beaten twice. The gross total of the two days was only something over 300 head; but it was all wild game, and shot in very pretty surroundings. With the beaters were the keeper, who is also head-woodman, and two assistant-woodmen. These three men cut the whole of the hundred acres down in the course of seven years. Putting their lives at something over three score and ten, they will, as they began before they were twenty-one, have cut the wood down about eight times in the course of their existence. The beaters are entirely recruited from the staff of this very large and well-managed farm. They have beaten the woods so often that they know exactly what to do, when properly generalled. Our landlord was one of the guns, and his son, who does not shoot, but knows the wood thoroughly, kindly took command of the men, and kept things going at best pace through the day. Anything prettier than the entrance to the wood would be hard to find. A long meadow slopes steeply to the Thames, with an old church and the remains of a manor house at one end and the wood at the other. Below the house is a roaring weir, and opposite the abbey of Dorchester across the flats. Our little campaign gave an added interest to the scene. The bulk of the men were going round behind the hills to drive these 'kopjes' into the wood. The guns and one or two ladies, and some small boys, bearing burdens, were walking up

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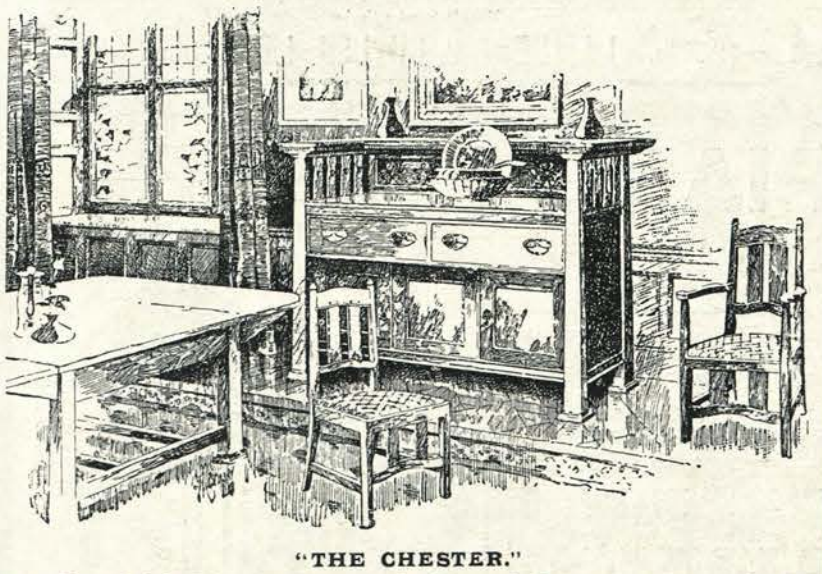

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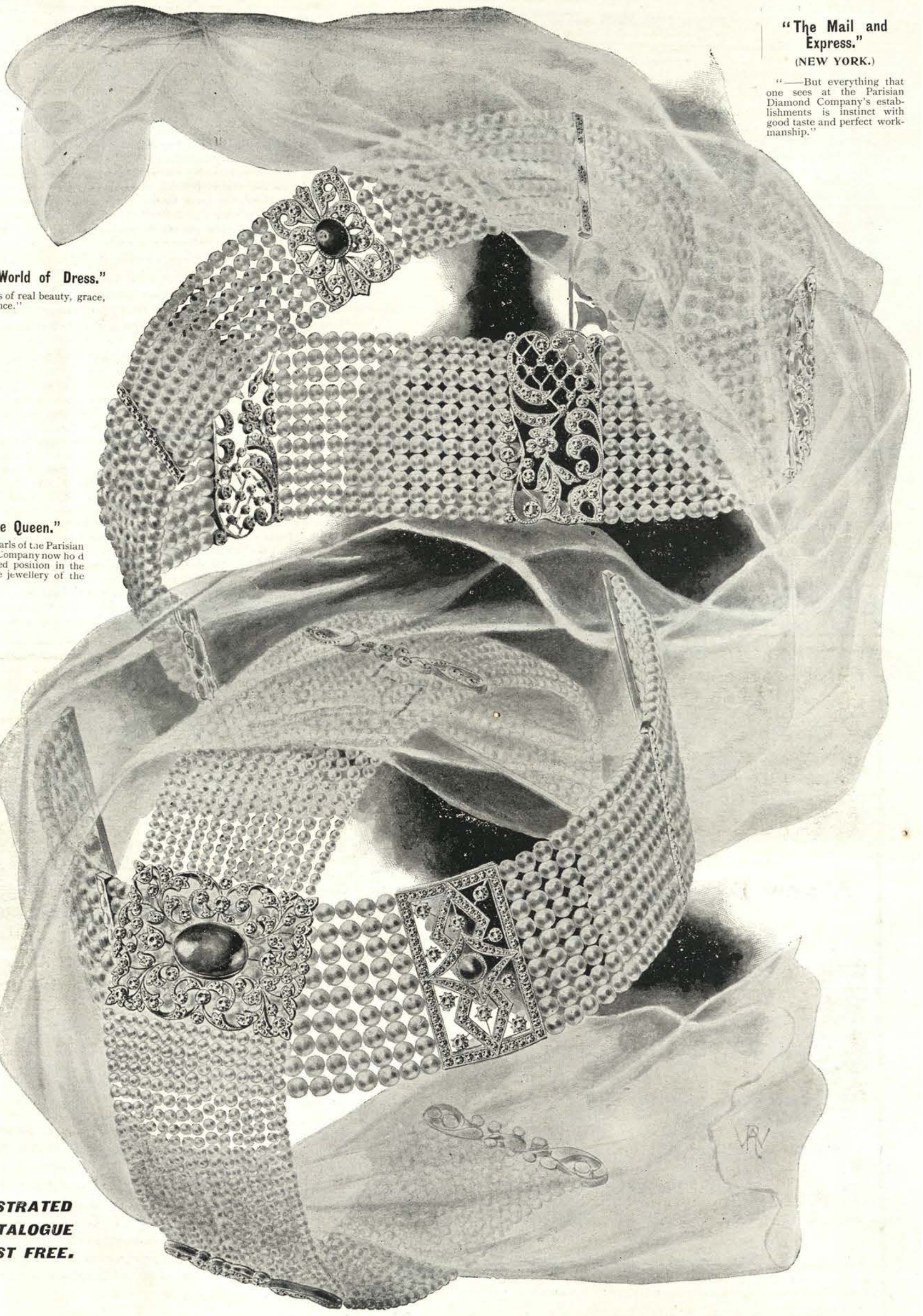

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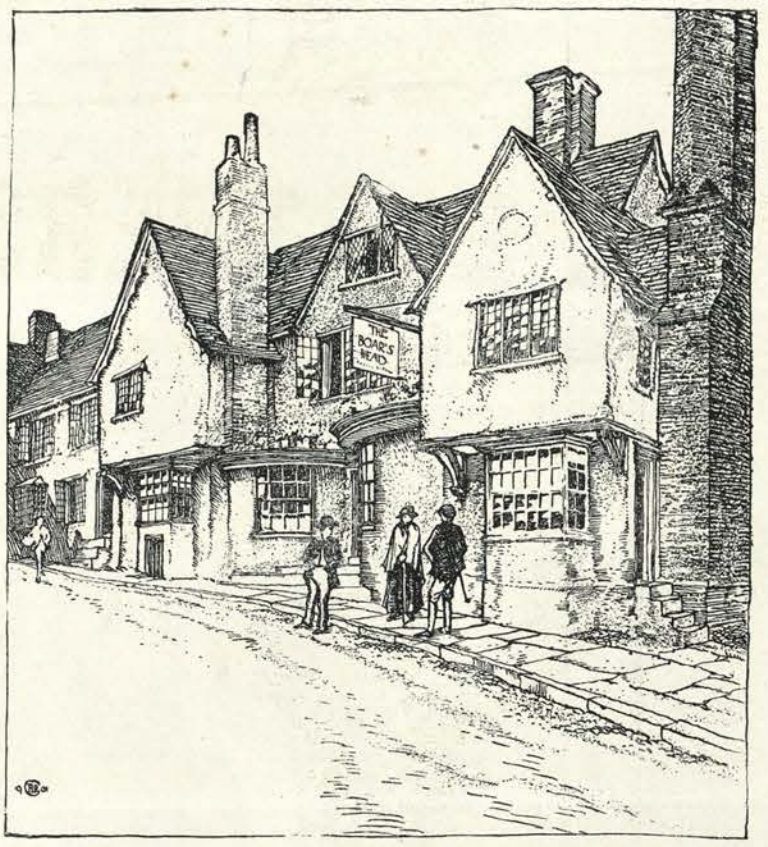
the middle ride. Below was the silver Thames in best autumn livery, for the leaf was not yet off the willows, though the reed-beds were bright russet. The sky was blue, the sun bright, and the sound of the weir came gaily up through the trees. All the wood paths were bright with moss, the air still, and an endless shower of leaves from the oaks was falling over the whole hundred acres. There were just enough wild pheasants in the wood to make a variety in the rabbit shooting. Hares were unexpectedly numerous, and we lined up



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on the side of the wood furthest from the river for a hare drive. The whole hillside is without a hedge. Watching the long slope it is a pretty and exciting sport to see the coveys of partridges, of which there are sometimes a number on the hill, rise, fly down and pitch again, and then rise once more and come fifty miles an hour over your head into the wood."

There, surely, is a picture in words, of scenery and of movement, which is very hard to beat. Finally, as might be expected, Mr. Cornish puts in a most eloquent plea for the preservation of the remaining beauties of Father Thames:

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The answer is that the appearance of books like this makes it possible to hope that the answer might, some day or other, be in the affirmative. Mr. Cornish has deserved well of all Nature-lovers.

CYGNUS.

THE book to which most attention was paid in last week's COUNTRY LIFE was *Highways and Byways of Hertfordshire*. The publishers have been kind enough to assent to a request that one of the blocks should be reproduced in COUNTRY LIFE, in order to show the character of the illustrations. None could be more suitable than that which shows the Boar's Head and a part of the ancient street of Bishop's Stortford, the aspect of which was familiar to Cecil Rhodes, unquestionably the greatest man ever produced by that ancient town.

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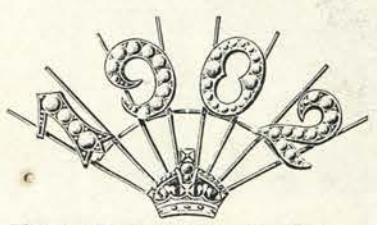
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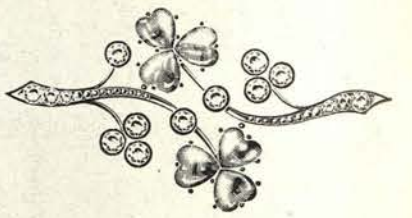
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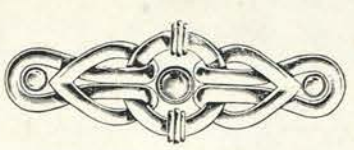
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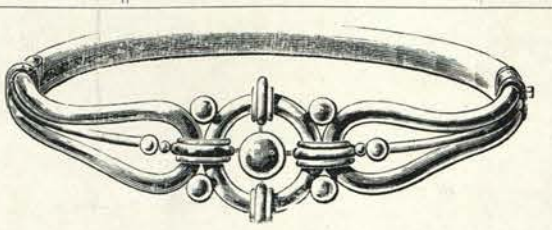
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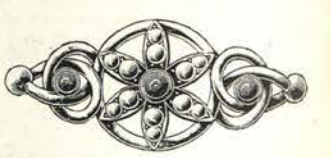
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absolutely certain to have a large circulation not only amongst Surrey cricketers, but wherever the national game is beloved and followed. As a matter of fact, the very parts of the book appear to divide themselves under two main headings, which may be described as cricket generally, and Surrey cricket in particular. Not the least interesting chapter in the book is the first, in which the Lord Chief Justice takes up a strong position in relation to county cricket and the obtrusion of the personal element in it. I certainly cannot improve upon the language of the Lord Chief Justice of England, and I venture to say that the following observations are well worthy to be taken to heart by the rising generation of cricketers:

"To consider one or two concrete matters, I think that too many professionals are played continuously by our leading counties, and that amateurs are not given sufficient opportunity of playing because they do not happen to be absolutely the best of their year. Take such a county as Surrey, Sussex, Kent, or Middlesex—I am not referring to any one in particular; I would give any amateur who is really good enough to play for his county the opportunity of playing in three or four matches in the year, so that the number of amateurs qualified to play, who have played for their county, may be increased during the few years they are able to devote some spare time to cricket. In the same way I should be disposed to include from time to time a larger number of professionals in the county elevens.

"There is, in my opinion, too much of the personal element in county cricket. No doubt it is a glorious thing for a professional to score his 1,500 or 2,000 runs in first-class cricket, or make a certain number of centuries, or to take a certain number of wickets; but it would, in my opinion, in the interest of the game, promote that spirit of unselfishness which I think is, or ought to be, at the bottom of all true sport, if a larger number both of amateurs and professionals had an opportunity of playing for their county, even at the risk of some others of them playing in fewer matches and of individual players making fewer runs or bowling fewer wickets.

"I do not like to hear it said, as I have heard it said in county cricket more than once, that a particular batsman declined to go in late in the afternoon because he was afraid of spoiling his chance of making a score. Again, in my opinion, the effect of the present system has been to place far too much power in the hands of richer counties who are able to draw larger 'gates,' and can afford to pay larger sums to their professionals. I do not think the remuneration of the first-class professional is any too high. His life, though very pleasant, is to a certain extent a very hard one. He cannot hope to play first-class cricket for a great many years, and he ought to be able to make some provision for his retirement. I should, however, be glad to see some encouragement given to a larger number, and it is for this reason I strongly advocate the establishment of second elevens, and the playing of as many club and ground matches as possible in those counties that can afford to pay them. I fear that it would be far too drastic a change to allow second eleven matches to count for the Championship; personally, I should have no objection."

Lord Alverstone thinks, too, that the general fever of excitement concerning county cricket has had a bad effect upon what may be called the national cricket, and he is seriously anxious because county captains show an unwillingness to let their best men be absent, even though it be to represent England against Australia, or one side or the other in Gentlemen *v.* Players. A very interesting chapter is contributed by Mr. F. S. Ashley-Cooper on early Surrey cricket, and one of the early scores is certainly a curiosity worthy of preservation:

FOUR OF KENT (WITH S. DINGATE) *v.* FIVE OF SURREY.

In the Artillery Ground, Friday, September 14, 1750.

FOUR OF KENT (WITH S. DINGATE).

John Bell, bowled	1	bowled	2
Stephen Dingate, bowled	0	caught	0
James Bryan, bowled	0	bowled	0
Thomas Bell, bowled	4	run out	0
John Bryan, bowled	2	bowled	0
Total	7	Total	2

FIVE OF SURREY.

Darling, bowled	0	bowled	3
Perry, bowled	0	bowled	3
John Harris, bowled	1	bowled	1
Thomas Faulkner, bowled	0	bowled	0
Joseph Harris, bowled	0	caught	1
Total	1	Total	8

This match ended in a tie.

Finally, in the matter of records, the volume leaves nothing to be desired.

In the same breath may be noticed *Alfred Shaw, Cricketer: His Career and Reminiscences*, recorded by Mr. A. W. Pullin, better known above the signature "Old Ebor" (Cassell and Co.). Lord Sheffield opens the volume with an introductory tribute. The volume really takes the form of an autobiography, and Lord Sheffield is perfectly right in saying to Mr. Shaw: "The practical precepts and guidance for cricketers will be very valuable; but still more valuable will be the example of the life you have lived—the life of an honest, straightforward, manly Englishman, as well as the life of a splendid cricketer, whose name will never be forgotten so long as and wherever cricket is played throughout the world." On the whole, a very pleasant little book.

That magnificent volume, *The International Polo Club Guide for the Coronation Year*, by Mr. T. Neuman, of Saltford, near Bristol, gives us a bird's-eye view of the polo clubs of the world. To some readers, even those who have played polo, the rapid spread of their favourite game which this book shows will come as a surprise. The majority of the clubs here described have been in existence for but a short time. Yet there is no reason to doubt that the game has taken root or to think of it merely as a passing fashion. Not only has polo become more popular as a spectacle, but it has improved as a game of skill. The standard of play has in the last seven or eight years been greatly raised, and you will see better play nowadays on many a country polo ground than could have been witnessed at Hurlingham twenty years ago. At the Fulham club the skill of players has increased. In 1890 the play on most Indian polo grounds was better than at Hurlingham. Now, I think our representative teams would be able to hold

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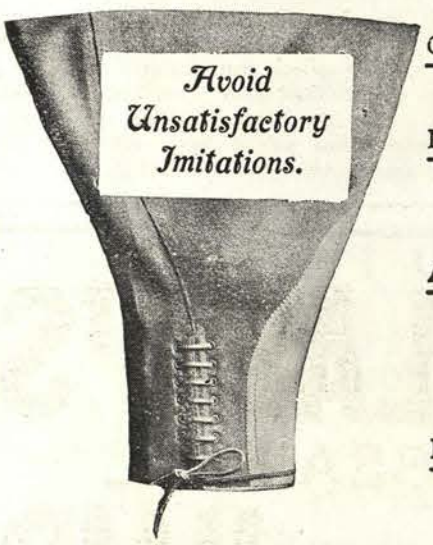

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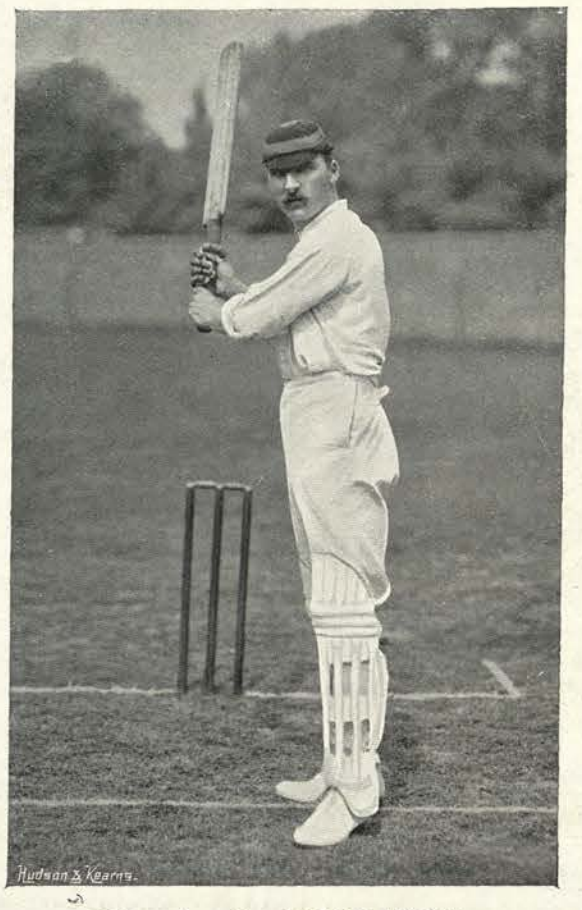
their own anywhere, and the ordinary play at Hurlingham or Ranelagh is the best to be found anywhere. It is perhaps natural that in a book like a guide we should look for mistakes and omissions; nor can we do the author any greater service than by pointing them out, so that they may be corrected in those future issues in which we may hope to find the progress of the game recorded year by year. In the story of the Hurlingham Club there is a great omission. Not a word is said of the polo managership of Sir Walter Smythe. Yet he had far more to do with the success of Hurlingham as a polo club than Lord Monson, who, indeed, was somewhat distrustful of polo as a support to the club. It was Sir Walter (then Captain) Smythe who encouraged and fostered polo at Hurlingham, and by means of that game restored the fortunes of the club, which in 1872 were at a somewhat low ebb. To Captain Smythe we owe the establishment of the Champion Cup, the County Cup, the Inter-Regimental Tournament, and the registration of ponies. To him we owe the Hurlingham ground. No one less than I would underrate the services to polo of the present managers, which are very great, but they themselves would be the first to explain how much the club owed to its late polo manager. Sir Walter Smythe, on his retirement, received the thanks of the committee, and was made an honorary life-member of the club. It has already been pointed out that there is a similar omission, though not nearly of the same importance, in the case of the Ranelagh Club, but, still, the services which Mr. Neuman has forgotten in the case of the Ranelagh Club also were acknowledged by electing the retiring manager an honorary life-member. I lay some stress on these omissions because in the interests of the history of polo and the two leading clubs it must not be forgotten that Ranelagh existed as a flourishing club before Captain Miller and his brothers took over the management, and that Hurlingham had a long and prosperous career under Sir Walter Smythe. Much more accurate and very interesting is the chapter on the Polo Pony Society, in which Mr. Neuman does full justice, but no more than is due, to the great services to pony-breeding of Mr. John Hill and Sir Humphrey de Trafford.

The arrangement and idea of the book are excellent. There is first an introduction, in which some interesting statistics of the game have been collected, most of which, with more or less acknowledgment of the source, have found their way into the daily Press already. There are, besides, interesting accounts of the various clubs of the world, and at this time it is interesting to note that polo has taken a much firmer hold in Spain than in any other Latin country.

In his introductory remarks on the county clubs of Great Britain, Mr. Neuman makes three suggestions, two of which—that the public should be admitted free or at a nominal price, and that exhibition matches should be played—have been acted upon. At Stansted, Cirencester, Dublin, Edinburgh, and Hull the public are admitted free or at a small charge to the ground, while exhibition matches of polo are not infrequently played at county horse shows. The third suggestion has also been made, but never, so far as I know, acted on, that there should be an association to encourage tournaments and matches to be played on smaller ponies. Very good games can be enjoyed on ponies 13h. 2in. and under, as I can testify, having played many a capital game on a 12h. 2in. Burmese pony. This suggestion I made some years ago, and if the game is ever to become popular something of the kind will have to be tried.

On the whole, Mr. Neuman's undertaking earns our hearty praise, and will, no doubt, have the success it deserves. If he will correct the omissions noted and add a bibliography of the game, there would be little to desire more. The book is to be obtained direct from Mr. Josiah Neuman, Saltford, near Bristol, and the price is £3 3s. This may seem high, but readers of COUNTRY LIFE may be assured that the price is justified by the magnificence of type, illustration, and binding.



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PROWLING round the pavilion at Lord's the other day, one was accosted by man after man with the same question on his lips, "Whom have you chosen to play in the test match?" And I felt quite out of it at having to confess that though I had ideas, they were not yet committed to paper, for every man promptly produced an old envelope, scribbled with the players' names. The humiliation was even greater when an enthusiastic lady, who really understands the game, and is not merely a candidate for five o'clock tea, produced her list, or rather lists; for she had made out two sides to suit the state of the wicket, and very good sides they were, though I fear that partisanship had led her to include one at least from her own county, whose claims had been overlooked by the selection committee. The point I want to make out of all this is not the interest that people

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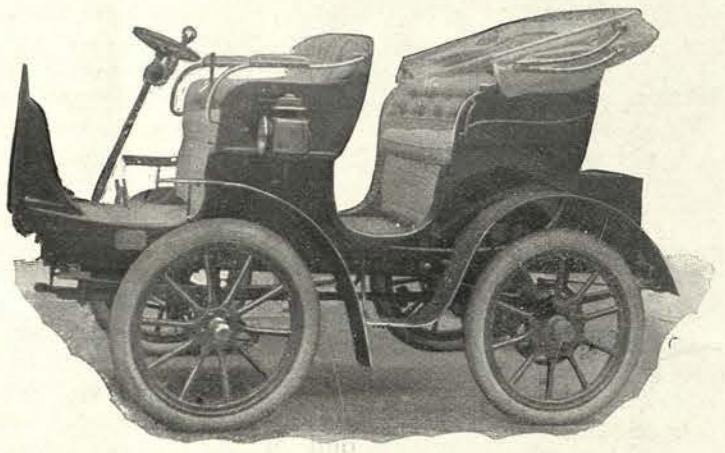

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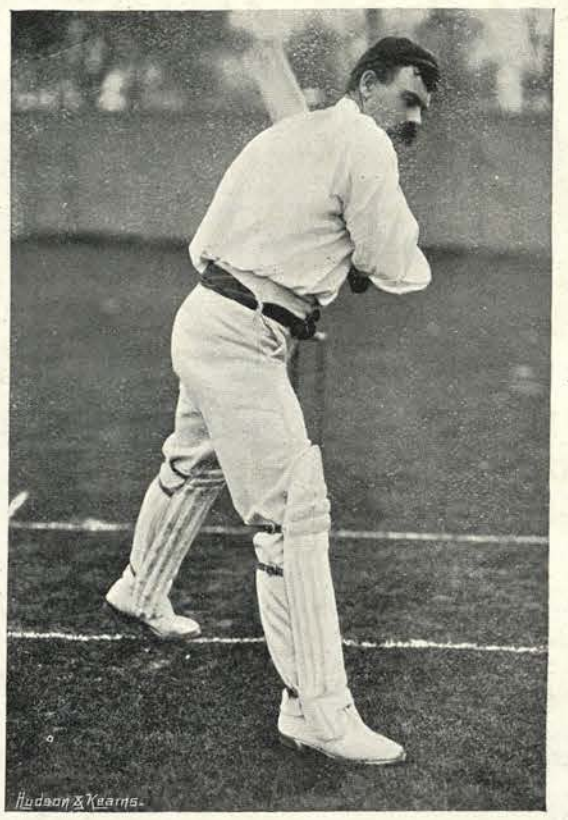

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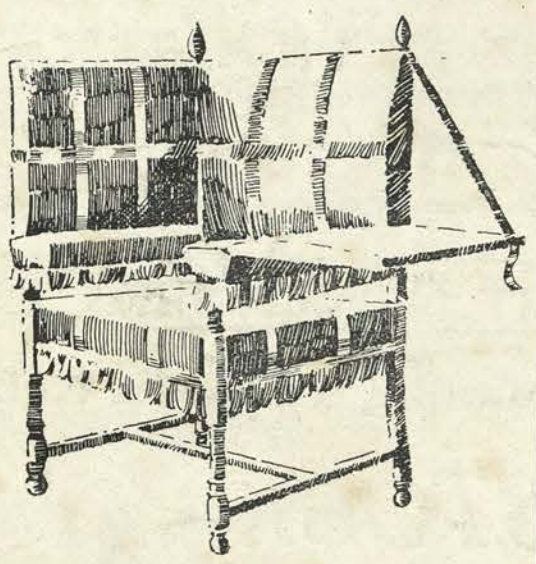

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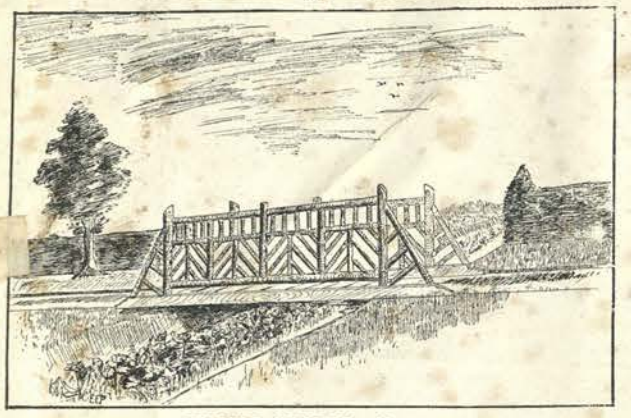

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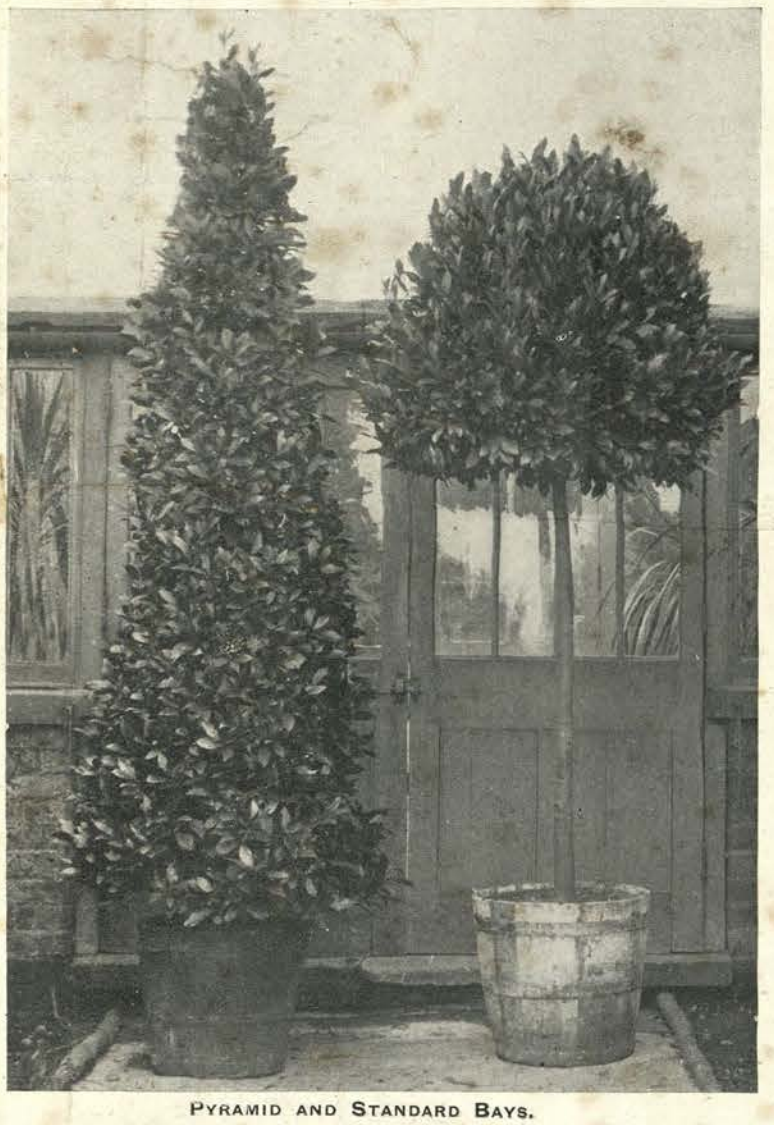

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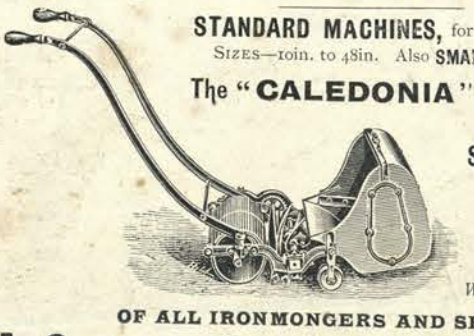

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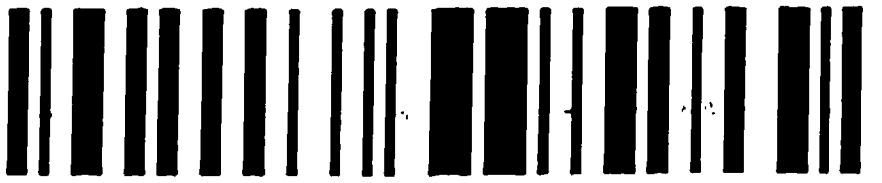

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